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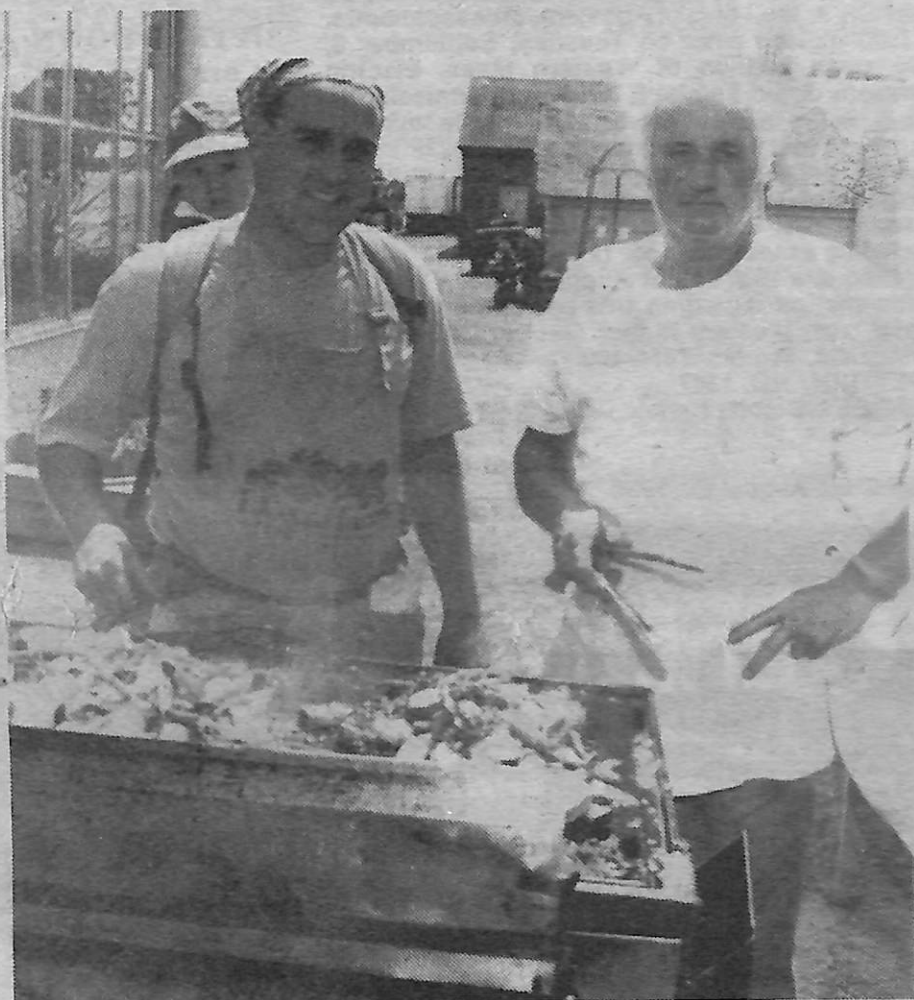
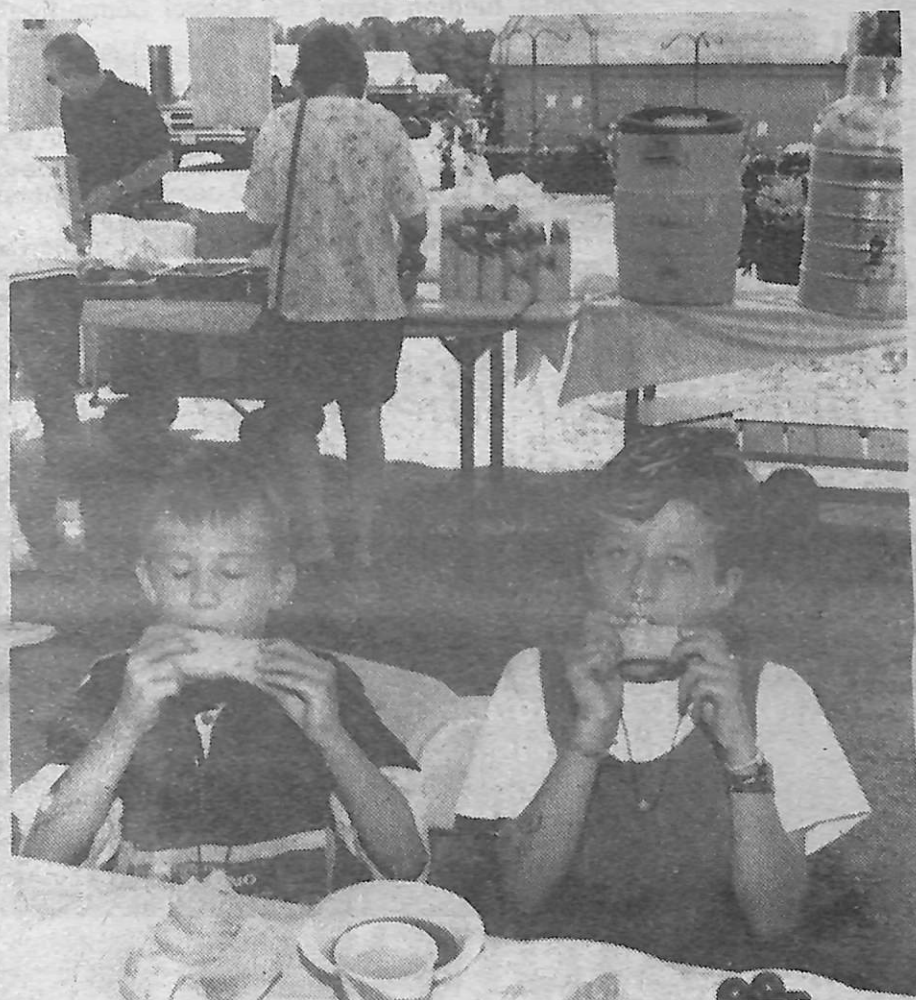
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**CECCHI FARMS** on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, participated in the statewide tribute to sweet corn on Saturday and Sunday, August 17th and 18th at "Corn Fest '96." **IN PHOTO LEFT**, the West boys, Tyler and Trevor, enjoy their sweet corn on Saturday while Dave Cecchi (with his son, Joe on his back) and George Collins grill vegetables. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Cecchi Farms Uses "Corn Fest" To Showcase Products

E. Cecchi Farms participated in a statewide tribute to sweet corn on Saturday, August 17th and Sunday, August 18th, as well as celebrated their 50th anniversary in Feeding Hills by hosting Corn Fest '96.

Located at 1131 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, E. Cecchi Farms served over 500 ears of white, yellow, and butter & sugar corn. Bobby Cecchi, who manages the farm, said, "People have been asking all year when the Corn Fest would be. It's become a very popular event with our customers—some change weekend plans so they can attend."

They also served grilled vegetables, cantaloupe, and other dishes as well. Children got their faces painted and there was a raffle for Corn Fest t-shirts. There was no charge for any of the food at Corn Fest '96. Contributions were accepted and matched by E. Cecchi Farms, and donated to the Open Pantry of West Springfield.

Corn Fest '96 was a family affair. Anna Cecchi, who founded the farm with her late husband, Erminio, prepared dishes all week prior, including a Corn Fest favorite, her tomato and basil salad.

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### Town Council Unanimously Passes Operating Budget For Fiscal '96-'97

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

At a special meeting held on Monday, August 19th, Town Council approved the town's operating budget for the fiscal year 1997 as proposed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson with no dissenting votes.

All 10 councilors present voted to accept the \$43.3 million spending plan. This includes \$1.2 million in the capital improvement plan and \$18.8 million for the School Department. Council Vice-President Jill Simpson was absent.

Council President Nancy Thompson said she was pleased with the way the new budget review process played out.

"We had a very solid document to work with," Ms. Thompson said. "What else can you say about a budget that is maintaining the level of services we provide without increasing fees or taxes."

Speaking on behalf of budget sub-committee number three, Councilor Dennis Perry said the committee recommended the adoption of the budgets for all the departments they had reviewed and urged the Mayor to take action on three vital issues: the development by January 1997 of an

ongoing sidewalk maintenance program; increasing existing road repair programs; and securing land for a new DPW garage.

Johnson said plans for a new DPW facility included in the 1997 capital improvement plan would have to be put off for a year if the town is successful in obtaining a grant to expand the Agawam Public Library.

Johnson said the town could not afford the impact of bonding for multiple building projects coupled with the \$18 million school expansion projects at the four elementary schools and at Agawam High School. State funding for the Phelps project has been approved for 1997 and is expected in 1998 for the remaining three elementary projects. Funding for the high school is possible in 1998.

Johnson said past councils have made it clear that a new fire station was a higher priority than a new DPW garage.

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**CECCHI FARMS - from Page 1...**

Her son, Robert, Sr., constructed the giant ear of corn which has become a late summer trademark on Springfield Street, and his sons were involved, too; Bobby and Michael made sure there was enough veggies for everyone while David manned the grill.

Cecchi's have farmed in Agawam since the 1920's, but it was in 1916 when Anna and Erminio moved to the "Plains" section of Feeding Hills with their two children, Carol and Robert. It was Erminio who coined the locally famous line, "Corn so fresh the ears wiggle," to describe his crop.

Now run by the third and fourth generations, E. Cecchi Farms has become one of the largest farm stands in the area, with a reputation for the finest bedding plants and fresh vegetables. Corn Fest '96 seemed a perfect time to celebrate this milestone.

"Bob, Sr. said, "This was a great opportunity to celebrate our 50th anniversary and thank our customers for their support over the years."

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Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

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**SITTING DOWN AT CECCHI FARMS** for "Corn Fest '96" are Heather and Mike Pisano, and Nathan and Alice Collins. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

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*that our deadline for*  
*next week's edition*  
*is Monday at noon!*  
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**TOWN BUDGET - from Page 1...**

"Six years ago I brought forward a proposal for a new DPW garage and the council saw fit not to approve it," Johnson said.

Councillor Kent Servis said the council's school budget sub-committee was recommending the adoption of the School Department budget with recommendations for expanding the council's role in preparing future school budgets.

"The mood of the committee is that although we had some fundamental disagreements, we certainly did not intend to cut the budget," Servis said.

**Sub-Committee Recommendations...**

Servis said the committee recommended regular meetings with school administrators throughout the year; involvement in the school budget process from day one to allow the councilors to better understand the rationale for specific school expenditures; monthly reports from the superintendent's office detailing expenditures versus budgets; and a curriculum management audit for the entire school system.

Ms. Thompson said she wanted to see the council maintain solid lines of communication with the School Department and with the new superintendent.

With local aid from the state at the highest level in eight years, the School Department is slated to receive the largest increase in school spending in the town's history, with more than \$600,000 in additional funding above the School Committee's budget request.

Johnson's spending plan totals \$43,343,617, which represents an overall increase of 4.43 percent (\$1,563,014) compared to last year. School Department spending will increase by \$1,576,986 (8.9 percent over fiscal 1996), and the town side of the budget is up \$773,015 (6.12 percent over fiscal 1996).

Included in the spending plan is \$1.2 million in capital improvement projects in educational technology and educational materials as well as road and sidewalk projects.

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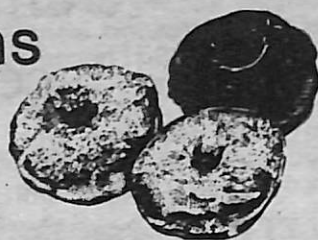
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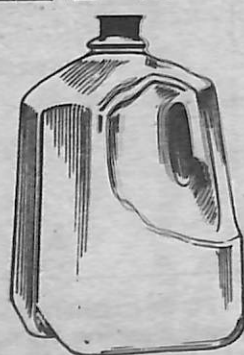
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# Editorial

## Kasparian Deserves Vote For County Commission

From time to time over the past 17 years, The Agawam Advertiser News has endorsed a candidate for political office. The last time we did was a few years back when Springfield lawyer Bill Bennett sought the Hampden County District Attorney's Office. We were the first newspaper in the area to endorse Bill Bennett, and to this day we are proud of this and our continued association with someone the caliber of DA Bennett.

This time around, we are endorsing Agawam resident ABE KASPARIAN for Hampden County Commissioner in the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, September 17th.

Kasparian has become active in local politics over the past few years and has shown himself to be a tireless worker and researcher of the issues. He is a life-long resident of Hampden County and a 17-year resident of Agawam. He is a past chairman of the Agawam Industrial

Development Authority, a past corporate director for the Western Mass. Area Development Corporation (the group responsible for Agawam's Regional Industrial Park), and a member of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee.

One of Kasparian's campaign themes is to return all unused county land in Hampden County to the 23 cities and towns that comprise Hampden County. This is of great interest to Agawam because the county owns well over 300 acres of land in Agawam. And some of these acres were sources of great community controversy, especially in the 1980's.

We readily remember the fight with county officials who were seriously considering placing the county dog pound and new county jail within our boundaries on county land. Having someone like Kasparian on the County Commission certainly would keep Agawam's best in-

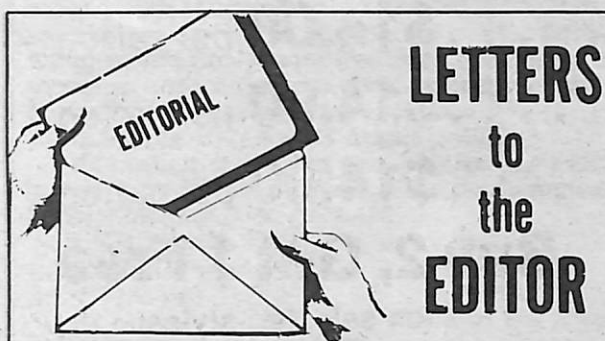
terests at heart in matters such as these.

Also, county government in our state has come under strong fire in Boston in recent years. But it has been proven that here in Hampden County, the county government provides a long list of valuable services to residents and that preserving it is in the best interest of this area.

Some new and vigorous blood such as Abe Kasparian will assist in the fight to keep county government intact but institute some needed changes to make it more cost effective.

Also, we like Kasparian's call for televising County Commission meetings and holding these meetings throughout the county to make the commissioners more accessible to Hampden County residents.

We hope the voters of Agawam will see fit to consider ABE KASPARIAN for a vote on September 17th.



### Thanks For Support At Veteran's Council Booth

#### To The Editor:

I would like to thank all of the wonderful people who gave their time to assist the Veteran's Council at their booth at the Westover Air Show August 3rd and 4th.

Saturday and Sunday were very busy days for those who volunteered. Their time and efforts raised much needed funds. We are now closer to our goal of being able to erect our town's Veteran's Honor Roll memorial.

Thank You,  
Edward A. Kellogg  
President, Agawam Veteran's Council

### Camp Rainbow Offers Thanks To Its Many Supporters

#### To The Editor:

Everyone associated with Camp Rainbow — the Town of Agawam's special needs summer camp — would like to thank the following organizations and businesses for their support

this season:

Agawam Lions Club, Agawam Lioness, UNICO, Buccaneer Lounge, Pepsi, Western Mass Electric, and Fran's Restaurant.

Furthermore, we'd like to express our appreciation to Chris Hanna, Jack Devine, Mr. & Mrs. Sellers, and Mr. & Mrs. Castle for their support of and cooperation with all of the parents here at Camp Rainbow.

THANK YOU!!!

Camp Rainbow

### Young People's Theater A Credit To Our Community

#### To The Editor:

As a lifelong resident of Agawam, I would like to applaud an organization here within our town for their work with our young people.

The Stage Productions at the Red Door Theater are phenomenal. Under the direction of Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons, and with the help of Marcy Secora, these children are taught much more than how to perform on stage.

Now I must admit, until recently I was very skeptical about children acting, partly because of some of the movies I have seen them in, and partly because of the negative press I have read about concerning their lifestyles. It was only recently that I completely changed my way of thinking.

You see, we were on the downward slide towards the end of summer vacation. I had my nine year-old at Camp Rainbow and my six year-old home with me, when those dreaded words started sprouting, "Mom, I'm bored." So I became inventive and our days smoothed out, until I started making truck noises in my sleep. And, although my son never uttered a peep, his eyes still spoke those dreaded words. Sheer panic calls for desperate measures, so I called Margie and Lyle.

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#### Editor's Note:

In a story on the history of St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam, appearing in *The Agawam Advertiser News* on August 1st, the name of the first pastor was inadvertently misspelled.

The first pastor was the well-known Rev. John P. Shannon, who served in that capacity from the late 1940's until 1965. He was succeeded by the Rev. Walter J. Joyce (1965-1978), Rev. Karl Huller (1978-1990), Rev. Richard Meehan (1991-1994), and the present pastor, the Rev. Howard W. McCormick, who took over the local pastorate in 1994.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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through UNICO members, or call  
Bruno Maule at 789-0082

Tuesday, August 27th

Family film "It Takes Two"  
At Agawam Public Library  
6:30 to 8:15 p.m.  
Stop by the library or call  
789-1550 to register

Wednesday, August 28th

"Music Under The Stars" (a free concert  
featuring the Ambiance Wind Quintet;  
sponsored by Agawam Senior Center)  
At lawn of Meadowbrook Manor or inside  
the Agawam Senior Ctr. (in case of rain)  
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 4th

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Now in all honesty, I must also admit that for the past three years, I have seen Margie and Lyle at work once a week. Each Sunday, they deliver the Children's Message at Valley Community Church. And when Margie asks that the children in the church come forward, within seconds, 20-40 children come careening (not running) down the aisles to sit on the altar. I have seen these kids wait with eager anticipation as they come to understand the message and hear how they can apply it to their young lives.

And so, because my son knew Margie and Lyle and because we live so close, I "bit the bullet" and enrolled him at Stage Summer Camp, for if nothing else, I would selfishly have peace without boredom for five days.

On Monday morning, when I delivered him to the Red Door, I was confronted with 22 children, ages 4 to 7, exploding excitedly into their first day of camp. I said a silent prayer on my way out of camp that morning, just asking God to give Margie and Lyle the strength of endurance.

And as I got into my car, I sat there for a moment, looking out over the valley and enjoying ... silence ... solitude ... and just the sounds of birds singing. Little did I know that the only solitude I would experience over the next five days was when he was in camp. From that day on, my son became a chatterbox, talking non-stop hour after hour, repeating himself, repeatedly, to his Dad, to his brother, to the clerk at the grocery store.

He was on a roll and he was taking anyone within earshot with him. Songs to sing, lines to memorize, movements to perfect, from the time the sun came up until it went down, day after day. So much for boredom!

On Friday evening, we went to see their private production of "Goin Buggy" exclusively for family members. I was astonished! I saw those same 22 children completely transformed. I read from a program that the children had drawn, saw them in costumes that they had helped make, and saw them singing, dancing, and reciting in child-like perfection. I saw them help each other, "cue" each other, and work together with great care and compassion for each other.

I'm not sure who learned more that week at camp, my son or myself. The same morals and values that we parents strive so hard to teach our children are the same ones reinforced by Stage. They are taught to respect adult leadership as well as to respect and cooperate with their peers.

They are encouraged to work their best to achieve their own individual potential. And because patience and praise are generously given, their self-confidence, and self-esteem grows rapidly. With the loving supervision these children received, they, for one week, became a family. Words of "wanna swap phone numbers" to "see you at next camp" could be heard echoing after the show.

So from one completely reformed critic, I urge the Town of Agawam to also judge for yourself. If you have never attended a show at The Red Door Theater, please do so. Upcoming shows are announced in *The Agawam Advertiser*, at the foot of 152 South Westfield St., or by calling the theater at 789-2026. And if you have children or grandchildren in this area, consider sending them to a Stage Camp. It will truly be one of the most rewarding experiences you and your child will have.

Kathy Manley  
152 South Westfield St.  
Feeding Hills

## Directors Of Perry Lane Camp Express Their "Thanks"

### To The Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people who helped to make this another great summer at Perry Lane Camp. Last summer, many changes were made under the new direction of Mary Keller, who felt that more structure and supervision was needed for the children.

She has done great work and will continue to make changes when needed to ensure a fun and safe environment for every child who participates. We thank Mary for her enduring patience and hard work! Also, thanks to Nancy Pryce on the administrative end for helping us with all that paperwork!

We extend our gratitude once again to the Agawam Lions Club for providing their annual summer picnic for the children of Perry Lane Camp and Camp Rainbow. They work very hard every year, and the children always look forward to the picnic. We appreciate their continuous giving and caring to the children of our community.

We would like to thank D.A.R.E. Officer Donald Gallerani for spending his free time at the camp to be with the kids. Officer Gallerani is a wonderful role model for the children of our town, and we are lucky to have someone like him!

Finally, we would like to give extra special thanks to our outstanding staff this summer:

sports specialist Daniel Pryce, arts & crafts specialist Sarah Hufland, contests & special events specialist Greg Pudlo, and the counselors who have been caring and patient with the children, and have made our jobs more enjoyable with everything this summer has had to offer.

Also, thanks to pool director Jill Gagne and her staff for ensuring the safety of the children at the pool. Special thanks to our nurse, Angela Kramer, for her kindness to us all.

Once again, we say "thanks" to everyone for a great summer!

Dave Fazio  
Gina Frasco

Directors - Perry Lane Summer Camp

## Cecchi Family Appreciates Supporters Of Corn Fest '96

### To The Editor:

#### Dear Fellow Residents:

We would like to thank our family, friends, neighbors, and customers who attended our recent Corn Fest '96/50th Anniversary celebration at E. Cecchi Farms.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise nearly \$400 in contributions, which we will match and add to for a total of \$800, which we will present to the Open Pantry of Agawam and West Springfield.

We would also like to thank George Collins, Steve Collins, and Jim Loomis for their help in preparing the food, as well as congratulate the six winners of our Corn Fest Raffle. Mae Balboni, Don Brooks, Jeanette Dore, Bob Keefe, Viola Smith, and George Stevens will each receive a dozen ears of corn and a Corn Fest or 50th Anniversary t-shirt.

Most of all, we'd like to thank everyone who has shopped with us over the years and helped make this 50th Anniversary possible. We look forward to the next 50 years, and seeing you all at Corn Fest '97 next August!

Thanks again.

The Cecchi Family  
(Anna, Robert, David, Bobby, Michael,  
Michelle, Laurie, Dillon, Joe, and Megan)  
E. Cecchi Farms  
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## LETTERS - from Page 5...

Connecticut River Banks  
Should Not Be A Dump

## To The Editor:

I am writing this letter to voice my concern to the citizenry of Agawam. I have witnessed recently on several occasions that certain persons have decided that the banks of the Connecticut River are their own personal dumping ground. I am very concerned that persons would feel free to dump their trash, grass clippings, and household garbage on the river bank.

I have lived near the Connecticut River for over 40 years. It is an ecological treasure that we, as citizens, should not only appreciate, but should also work towards developing and preserving it. When others feel that they can dump their trash on the river bank and that it has no impact and no one cares, they are wrong!

The citizens of Agawam care about their river and its contribution to the town. We need to come together to voice our disapproval over this growing practice, and we need to move our police to take this crime seriously and prosecute those who offend our river bank and our town.

I encourage all of you who care about the river to become aware and report to the police anyone you observe making the beautiful Connecticut River and its banks their personal garbage dump. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,  
Richard H. Chapman  
Agawam

Kasparian Offers Suggestions  
For Better County Govt.

**Editor's Note:** The following letters were sent to the County Commissioners asking for certain items to be placed on their agenda for discussion. Mr. Abe Kasparian, candidate for Hampden County Commissioner, has asked that these letters be printed as most people are not able to attend the Commissioner meetings and these meetings are not televised.

To The Editor:  
To Mr. Richard Thomas,  
Hampden County Commissioner:

I am writing to request that you add to your next agenda the discussion of the addition of a citizens' speak time before your regular agenda at each of the County Commissioner meetings. I would suggest five minutes for each speaker to speak on County issues. A time for concerned citizens to speak on topics and ideas of interest to them is a part of most City and Town council & selectmen meetings and, I feel should become a part of the Commissioner meetings.

I would also like to propose that the Commissioner meetings to be held in the evenings in alternating locations throughout the County and be televised, rather than at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons in Springfield.

These changes would help open up County government to the people to whom it is set up to serve. The County Commissioners is a legislative body that is empowered by the State Legislature to make policy for the constituents that they serve. This could be brought to the floor for open discussion and vote and become permanent policy for the County Commissioners and the citizens of Hampden County.

I look forward to having the opportunity to speak on these matters at your next meeting. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in addressing these ideas.

Sincerely,  
Abe Kasparian  
Agawam

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To The Editor:  
To The Hampden County Commissioners:

I feel that we might want to look at the County jail as a cost saving area by formally turning its operation over to the State Dept. of Corrections. The proposal that we should consider making to the Commonwealth is as follows:

1. Hampden County turns over the jail to the State Dept. of Correction Dept. The County to retain the election of our local sheriff.
2. The sheriff will retain his/her ability to choose staff and have the autonomy to negotiate the budget for the facility with the State as the Sheriff is presently doing.

By turning the jail over to the State Dept. of Corrections, the County will save \$300,000 per year in the County's projected budget. The County Commissioners should not be in the business of corrections. The Sheriff has been maintaining and

negotiating his own \$40 million budget with the State with the County Commissioners merely a conduit for signatures. It is now time to make this a formal separation to save the County \$300,000 in needless "jail maintenance fees" yearly.

Combining this savings of \$300,000.00 with the \$165,000.00 savings from the payment of the mortgage on 50 State St. and the elimination of some of the vehicles in the County motor pool with a possible \$25,000.00 savings would come close to making up the \$500,000.00 the County needs to help balance the budget.

Another \$25,000.00 savings in legal fees to the County could be realized if the Commissioners would drop the suit against the Town of Agawam over the land held in that town. If the land was abandoned to the Town of Agawam, there would be additional savings to the County in insurance and maintenance and security of the property estimated at \$10,000.00 per year. The Taxpayers of the Town of Agawam would also realize a savings in legal fees estimated at \$20,000.00 as well as having some of the land added to the tax base of the Town.

I would like to have these items placed on the agenda next week, Aug. 21, 1996, for an open hearing and debate open to all concerned City and Town representatives, the Sheriff's Dept., Corrections' workers' representatives, the County Treasurer, and the Citizens of the County. It's time for open government and new ideas. This plan could further the County's commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Abe Kasparian

A Sincere "No Thanks"  
For Botching Utility Plan

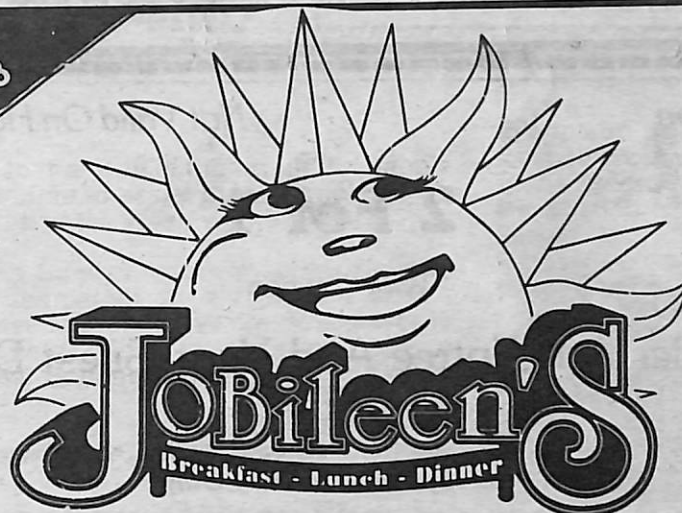
## To The Editor:

I would like to extend my sincere "no thanks" to three groups of people regarding Berkshire Power and the in lieu of tax agreement issue.

The first group of people I say "no thanks" to are the seven councilors who succeeded in stalling or is it "taking it slow and doing their homework." Hmmm, if you call 1 1/2 years taking it slow...! Anyhow, there were three issues that stand out in my mind and I'd like to share with you my perception as to how I felt the Council handled them.

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LETTERS - from Page 6...

First - **The Offer** - since Berkshire Power increased their original offer, well maybe we can get even more out of 'em if we hold off long enough. We're not gettin' our fair share. We'll show 'em; if they want their business here so badly, we'll make them really pay for it.

Second - **The Deadline** - Oh, how dare Berkshire Power hold a deadline over our heads. Who do they think they are? We're goin' to stand tough. Gee, they took their offer off the table before and put it back on; they'll do it again. We're sure of it; they can't threaten us with a deadline.

Third - **The Consultant** - the person that was previously hired as a consultant was on the Mayor's side. Since we don't trust our Mayor to do the right thing for this town, we have to get a consultant that's on our side. We'll just blame the Mayor; it's all his fault for tryin' to bring business into our town. How dare he mess up our industrial park with big businesses who want to pay the town millions of dollars. Yeah, let's blame the Mayor! Again, a "no thanks" to you people for losing millions of dollars for our town.

The second group of people I say "no thanks" to are the members of the CCBA. What a wonderful performance. Here's to the handful of loud and obnoxious people who have done a fine job in in-

fluencing the Councilors and others to act the way they have. Congratulations, you've succeeded in leading the mission of losing millions of dollars for our town. So again, to these members of the CCBA, "no thanks."

The third group of people I must say "no thanks" to are the citizens of this town who just don't give a damn. To those people who've just sat back and said to themselves, "I can't be bothered getting involved, let someone else deal with it." So to you people who have also contributed, in your own silent way, to losing millions of dollars for our town, again, "no thanks."

Please accept my apologies if I've left out anyone. But, just in case I did, here's a "no thanks" to those "behind the scenes" people who weren't associated with any of the above mentioned groups of people. So, again, here's a "no thanks" to you all for helping in the efforts of losing millions of dollars for our town.

So please, I'm sick and tired of hearing that all this is the Mayor's fault. Stand up for your actions; be proud of what you've done. You all deserve the credit for keeping Agawam at the top of the "laughing stock list." So to all of you again, for losing millions of dollars for our town, a big, fat NO THANKS!!

Concerned Agawam Taxpayer  
Laurie Littlefield  
Feeding Hills

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TOWN OF AGAWAM  
LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that Wime Corp, d/b/a Cheers Discount Liquors, 416-418 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA, has applied for Transfer of License and Change of Manager. Building consisting of 2400 Square feet, first floor, no basement, parking lot in front for five cars and parking lot on side for ten cars. Two entrances for retail trade and one separable entrance for delivery. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 10, 1996, at 7:00 P.M., in the Faolin Peirce Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

AGAWAM LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION  
RICHARD A. DILULLO, CHAIRMAN  
JOHN J. CHRISCOLA, JR.  
ROBERT VANDERHOOF

Published: August 22, 1996

TOWN OF AGAWAM  
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, SEPT. 5, 1996 at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of TGE AGAWAM, a Limited Liability Corporation with principal address at 99 Prim Road, Colchester, VT, which is seeking a SPECIAL USE PERMIT in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, in order to construct an Assisted Living Facility for care of residents with Alzheimer's Disease, at the premises identified as CARDINAL DRIVE (Quail Run Project).

Ronald Hebert, Chairman  
Published: August 22, 1996

Best local news...

## Fire Dept. Urges Protection From Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide is the number-one cause of accidental poisoning deaths in America, responsible for 1,500 deaths and more than 10,000 injuries each year, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association. Today, affordable warning devices are available to help prevent needless deaths and injuries from carbon monoxide.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends every home install at least one carbon monoxide detector with an audible alarm near the sleeping area. Because Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed carbon monoxide detectors are designed to sound an alarm before symptoms of CO poisoning are present in the average healthy adult, most alarms may not require emergency response.

Residents should only call the fire department if someone is experiencing symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, dizziness, or nausea.

Correct CO detector placement is essential for proper operation. Detectors should be installed near the sleeping area and at least 15 feet from combustion appliances (e.g., stoves, wood stoves, fireplaces, heating units, and water heaters).

The Agawam Fire Department urges homeowners to contact their heating contractors prior to the heating season for proper maintenance of the heating systems. Learn all you can about how to protect yourself and your family from carbon monoxide poisoning by calling 1-800-639-7426. The Agawam Fire Department has informational pamphlets available.

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# Agawam Obituaries

## Theresa Capponcelli

Theresa (Cartello) Capponcelli, 90, of 11 Mulberry Street, North Agawam, a 33-year foreman at the former F.W. Sickles Co. in Chicopee, died in a local nursing home.

While at Sickles during World War II, she worked in the secret periscope division. She retired in 1968.

Born in Vezza de Alba, Italy, she lived in North Agawam most of her life.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, and belonged to its Rosary Society and town's Senior Center.

Her husband, Elio Capponcelli, died in 1984.

She leaves a son, Donald C. of North Agawam; a sister, Claire Dejkus of Westfield; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

The funeral was held Thursday morning, August 22nd, at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hampshire County Hospice, P.O. Box 1087, Northampton, MA 01061.

## Nancy J. Kosinski

Nancy J. Kosinski, 41, of 73 Ely Avenue, West Springfield, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked at the Stop & Shop Supermarket in Feeding Hills.

Born in Springfield, she lived in West Springfield most of her life.

She leaves a son, Eric A. Moore of Agawam; her mother, Jane (Urbanik) Kosinski of West Springfield; a sister, Patricia (Normand) Kaboray of West Springfield; a niece, Jill Rys of Agawam; a nephew, Robert Normand, Jr. of West Springfield; her friend and the father of her son, James E. Moore of Agawam; and a grandnephew.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the Eric Moore Trust Fund, in care of Westfield Savings Bank, 206 Park Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

## Donald S. Provost

Donald S. Provost, 71, of 570 Mill Street, Feeding Hills, a retired 15-year tractor operator at Westover Air Force Base, died in a local nursing home.

He retired in 1985.

Earlier, he worked at the former Springfield Armory; the former Springfield General Electric Co. plant; Hamilton Standard, a division of United Technologies in Windsor Locks, CT; and the former Moore Drop Forge in Springfield.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, he served in the Army.

He was a member of the North American Family Campers, Pioneer Valley Chapter 8.

He leaves his wife, the former Gloria D. Barrows; two sons, Steven D. Provost and Michael A. DiMauro, both of Feeding Hills; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

## Joseph R. Tourville

Joseph R. Tourville, 73, of 79 North Alhambra Circle, Agawam, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

He retired in 1987 after 43 years as a field technician for the former National Cash Register Co. office in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam for the past 43 years. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife of 52 years, the former Rhea R. Bruton; two sons, Joseph R. of Tucson, Arizona, and David G. of Agawam; three daughters, Carolyn Ploggia of Feeding Hills, Mary Kruse of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Barbara Tourville of Agawam; two brothers, Adolph of Ludlow and Raymond of De Kalb, Illinois; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and at the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01004.

## Christopher R. Twarkins

Christopher R. Twarkins, 17, of Cottonwood Lane, Agawam, died Sunday, August 18th, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield after being injured in a car accident.

Born in Springfield, he was a lifelong Agawam resident, and a student at Agawam High School. He was entering his senior year.

He leaves his parents, Robert A. and Susan J. Twarkins of Agawam; a brother, Michael B., at home; his paternal grandmother, Anna Barone Twarkins Rodrique, and her husband, Rene, of Davenport, Florida.

Calling hours were set for Thursday afternoon and evening, August 22nd, at Browne Memorial Funeral Chapels in Enfield, CT.

The funeral is on Friday morning, August 23rd, at the Agawam Congregational Church, with the burial at St. Patrick's King Street Cemetery in Enfield.

## Agawam Police ARREST BLOTTER

On August 11, 1996, Robert E. Lunt of 17 Dawson St., Springfield was arrested and charged with operating after suspension, unregistered, uninsured, and attaching plates.

On August 14, 1996, Albert B. Clement of 15 Ley St. was arrested and charged with assault and battery and larceny over \$250.00.

On August 14, 1996, Pedro Cruz of 600 Main St., Holyoke was arrested and charged with an outstanding Mass. warrant.

On August 15, 1996, Lorenzo Calderon of 33 Blossom Rd., Fitchburg was arrested and charged with shoplifting.

On August 16, 1996, Glen Scheve of 171 Shoemaker Lane was arrested and charged with assault and battery.

On August 18, 1996, Cheryl A. Epps of 8 King Avenue was arrested and charged with assault and battery.

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### State Legislature Passes Meaningful Public Policy

While the beautiful summer air and family picnics were undoubtedly on most minds, the Massachusetts Legislature was able to complete a shortened but productive 1996 session. Major state public policy issues were tackled, including many that I and others have championed for several years.

The new, shortened formal legislative session provided mixed results. On one hand, the July 31st deadline presented the Legislature with an imminent deadline a little over a month after the completion of the FY '97 state budget. Some legislation that needed careful consideration was postponed because of the new time constraints. Outside groups were often unaware of the change in rules.

However, the new deadline still produced some detailed and comprehensive legislation that we have been attempting to enact for several years. Crime was a major priority of ours. Reacting to the increased crime and violence perpetrated by the

youth in our cities and towns, we enacted a Juvenile Justice Law which imposes tougher, adult sentences on juveniles who commit murder and other violent crimes.

The Melconian amendment criminalizes participation in a gang or the recruitment of others to join a gang. It is a criminal step in getting tough on gang membership and its criminal activities.

In addition to the Juvenile Justice Law, the Legislature passed a Hate Crimes Law which broadens the list of protected classes. It included an amendment in the bill requiring hate crime offenders to undergo sensitivity and diversity education, similar to the alcohol education required of drunk drivers.

Offenders should understand the severity and unacceptability of their actions. In addition, they should be given the proper education and chance to reform their behavior.

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This year, we made access to health care our number-one priority. For years, I have pushed for comprehensive coverage for the uninsured and disadvantaged. In 1996, we achieved many of my long-stated goals.

We passed and overrode the Governor's veto to enact the Health Access Bill, which will provide insurance to over 100,000 uninsured children as well as prescription assistance for over 170,000 seniors. In addition, a new non-group insurance law will enable more individuals to access competitive rates for health care coverage, regardless of pre-existing conditions.

It also mandates "portability" of insurance, which means if you leave your job, you can take your insurance with you to your new job. This new law carries forward many of the reforms that I fought for and won in 1991, when we expanded health insurance coverage for small business groups.

In an era when we are encouraging people to

get off of public assistance and sustain a job, we have a responsibility to ensure that basic needs like health care are secure and protected.

A tax break for our citizens was enacted as part of the 1996 Deficiency Budget. Each individual will receive a \$40 to \$50 one-time tax break because of an unexpected surplus. Any time we can give to you, the taxpayer, a break in a responsible, fair way, I will support it.

Last month, we also passed the single sales factor for the mutual fund industry, which will keep Fidelity and other mutual fund companies in the state for many years to come. The single sales factor will reduce the tax burden on the fund firms, and enable Massachusetts to be competitive with other states.

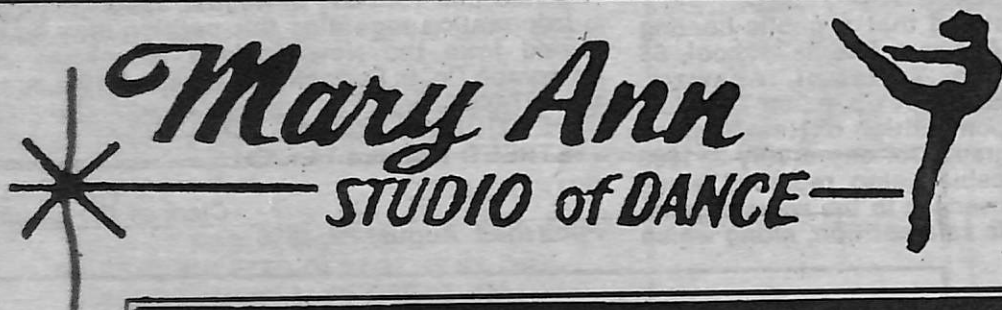
I pushed for and won inclusion of language requiring that the fund firms give consideration to geographic diversity in expansion throughout the Commonwealth. This opens up the possibility that expansion by Fidelity and other mutual fund companies could include Springfield or other areas in the western part of the state.

I am very pleased with the major public policy issues that the Legislature was able to enact in the 1996 formal legislative session. Controversial issues that have been debated for many years were given solutions, and new policy questions were dealt with astutely and swiftly.

For years, I have advocated for greater health insurance coverage, and this Legislature had the courage to confront and resolve these often contentious issues.

Although the shortened session produced problems with time and confusion, the new Senate and House proved that government has an effective and responsive role to play in the lives of everyday citizens. I look forward to a productive second half of 1996, and an even better 1997.

## BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION - August 29th

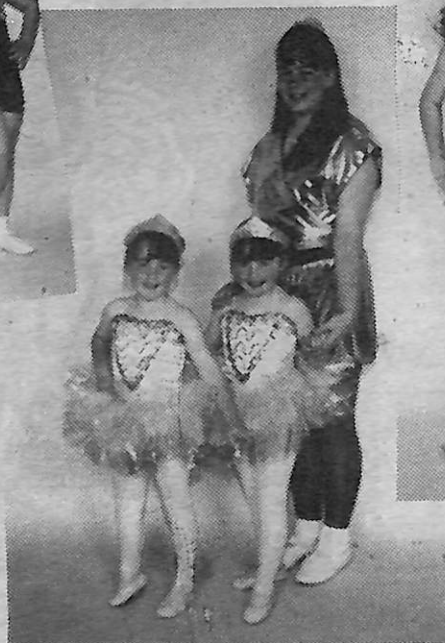


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THE AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE recognized the efforts of resident Valerie Douglas (photo right) who adopted a planter near her home at Federal and Cooper Streets. Mrs. Douglas is pictured with Beautification Committee member Rudy Stone; IN PHOTO LEFT, youngsters from the Agawam's Fantastic 4-H Club adopted the planter at the intersection of Springfield and Poplar Streets. Pictured are 4Her Ryan Sullivan, committee member Zoafia Demko, Maryellen Sullivan, and 4Her Jennifer McGurie. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Beautification Comm. Recognizes 'Adopters' Of Area Planters

Youngsters from Agawam's Fantastic 4-H Club have for the fourth consecutive year "adopted" the planter at the intersection of Springfield and Poplar Streets. The Agawam Beautification Committee salutes their contribution and the community spirit displayed by such a youthful group. Meanwhile, the committee also salutes Agawam resident Valerie Douglas, who has not only "adopted" the planter near her home at Federal and Cooper Streets, but has enhanced it with plants of her own origin. Her efforts over the past number of years deserve such recognition.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM NOTICE!!!

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, September 3, 1996 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. dated July 2, 1996 for permission for cable being replaced along North St. to upgrade service in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which

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Dated this 19th day of August, 1996.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 787-0391.

PETITION NO. 92-0001

STREET: Norman Terr. Ext.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

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Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your children. Teach them some basic first aid and have a small kit stored where it can be found easily.

Keep a list of important phone numbers by each phone. Teach children personal safety and spend time discussing various situations and how they should handle them.

Most important, establish some "house rules" and make sure your child understands the consequences if he or she should break a rule. Also, check with your child's school for some after-school programs that might be offered in your area.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

## Swk. Democrats To Hold "Olde Tyme Picnic" On Aug. 25th

Southwick: The Southwick Democratic Town Committee is sponsoring their annual Olde Tyme Picnic on Sunday, August 25, 1996. It will be held at the Southwick American Legion Post 338 Pavilion starting at 2:00 p.m.

The food will be prepared by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 338 and will be served at 4:00 p.m.

Various activities are planned for both adults and children, and it is open to the public.

For tickets or information, call Rusty Crowley at 569-6325. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children 10 years old and under.

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Pursuant to Chapter 21, Section 43 of the General Laws, and Regulations 314 CMR 7 and 2.06, notice is given of the following application for sewer extension permit and the action the Department proposes to take:

**CITY/TOWN OF: AGAWAM**  
**PROJECT NAME: BARDEN STREET EXTENSION**  
**APPLICANT: JOSEPH SCHLAFFER**  
**LOCATION: BARDEN STREET**  
**PURPOSE: SEWER EXTENSION**  
**TRANSMITTAL NO: 46274**  
**DATE OF PRINTING: AUGUST 22, 1996**  
**PROPOSED ACTION: TENTATIVE DETERMINATION TO ISSUE**

The above application, along with applicable laws, regulations and procedures are available for inspection at the above address. Comments on the proposed action or a request for a public hearing on the proposed action must be received at the above DEP address within 30 days of this notice.

David E. Howland

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## Keenan Invites Company To Tour Agawam For Possible Expansion

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan has invited representatives from Fidelity Investments, a leader in the Massachusetts mutual fund industry, to tour Agawam for possible locations to expand their company. In a recent letter to David C. Weinstein, Fidelity's Senior Vice President of Administration, Rep. Keenan cited Agawam and the Greater Springfield Area as an ideal location for Fidelity's proposed expansion.

Fidelity seeks suburban, campus-style settings for its offices, and Rep. Keenan noted Agawam's proximity to Bradley International Airport, Routes 57 and 91, as well as the high quality labor pool for the mutual industry and its related sectors available through the many colleges and universities in the Pioneer Valley.

He also noted the region's many amenities, including moderate home prices, museums, libraries, symphony orchestra, theater, shopping malls, sports teams, ski areas, as well as the cultural life of the nearby Berkshires. In promising to work together to promote Massachusetts as the nation's premier financial center, Keenan wrote, "Western Massachusetts provides transportation accessibility, a skilled workforce, and strong community support for economic development, and Agawam should compare favorably with any sites throughout the state."

As a member of the House Committee on Taxation, Rep. Keenan has been instrumental in the mutual fund bill's formulation that guarantees the creation of 11,000 new jobs over the next five years.

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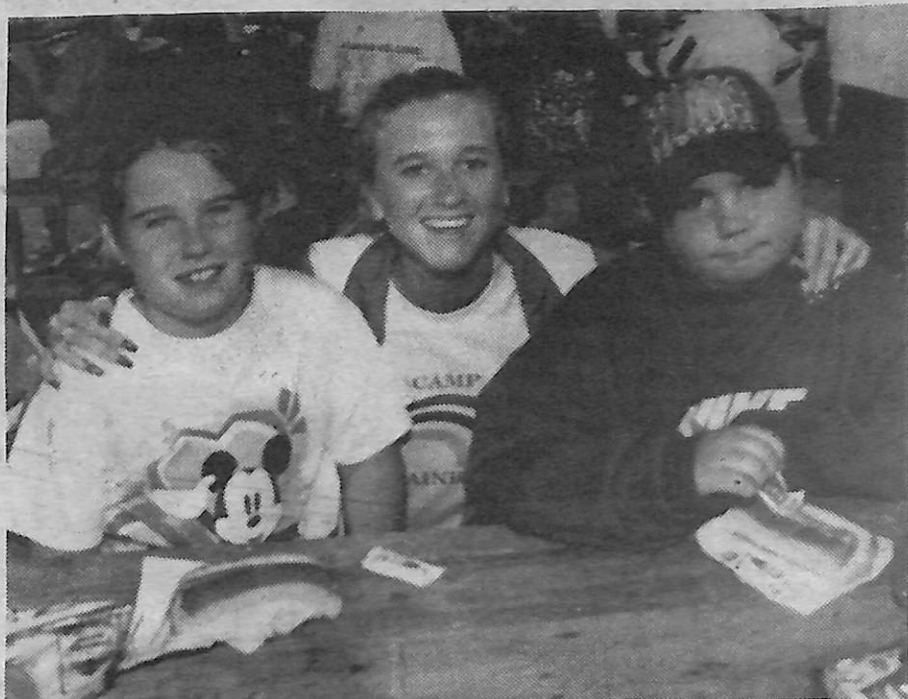
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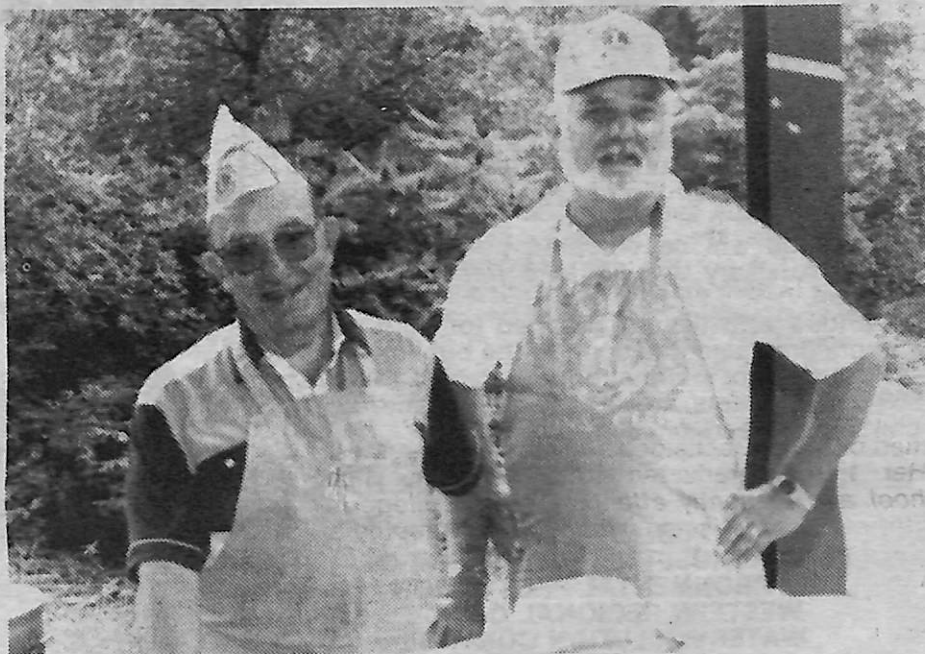
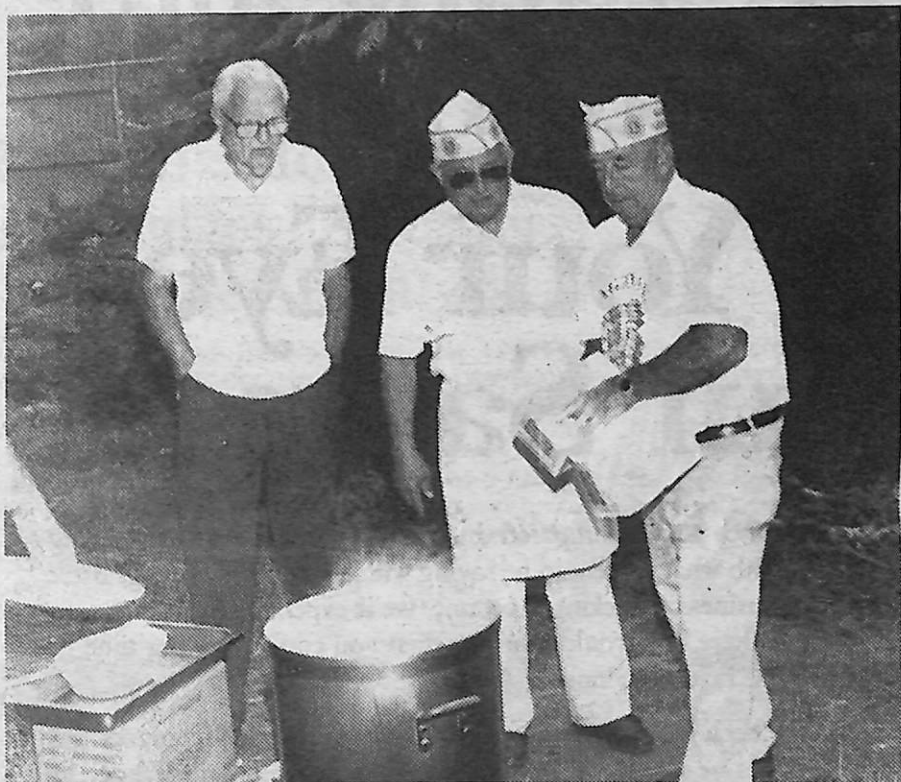


# Families

## Lions Club Cook-Out For Perry Lane Campers



CAMPERS AT PERRY LANE PARK were treated to a cook-out by the Agawam Lions Club. From left - Anthony Stork, Nicholas Midura, Meagan Sellers, Jennifer Easton, and Augustino Gamelli. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS Ed Straszko, Jim Votzak, and Jack Kunasek boiled the hot dogs for the Perry Lane Camp Cook-out, a summertime favorite each year for the campers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB members Joe Ferrari and John Conroy were part of the crew who put on the summer cook-out at Perry Lane Park for the town's summer campers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Council On Aging Accepting Nominations For Gallano Award

The Agawam Council on Aging is currently accepting nominations for its annual Andrew C. Gallano Award. This award is given for meritorious and distinguished service to elders and is presented by the Agawam Council on Aging each year at the ACOA/Friends Annual Dinner in October.

The criteria for selection of the recipient will include (but not be limited to) the following:

- Active involvement on committees or in activities which are related to the issues/needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- Advocates for the needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- Supports issues related to the elderly citizens of Agawam.
- Demonstrates the above in a consistent manner over time.

To obtain a nomination form, contact the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, August 26th:** Chicken breast, rice Pilaf, carrot coins, wheat bread, cantaloupe.

**Tuesday, August 27th:** BBQ pork, cole slaw, French fries, rye bread, blueberry cobbler.

**Wednesday, August 28th:** Stuffed pepper, mashed potato, corn, wheat bread, vanilla pudding.

**Thursday, August 29th:** Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, peas, rye bread, canned plums.

**Friday, August 30th:** Clam chowder, tuna salad on a roll, tomato and cucumber salad, jello w/fruit.



MARY BUCKOWSKI & JOSHUA TUDRYN

## Mary Buckowski To Wed Joshua Tudryn

Mrs. Irene L. Buckowski of Westfield has announced the engagement of her daughter, Mary Kathryn, to Joshua Tudryn of 166 Walnut Street, Agawam. He is the son of Paula Bernier of Agawam and Melvin Tudryn of Holyoke. The future bride is also the daughter of the late Victor Buckowski.

The bride-elect is presently employed by the Westfield Public Schools as a second grade teacher. She graduated from Westfield High School and Westfield State College, where she earned both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees.

Her fiancé graduated from Agawam High School and presently attends Bryant College in Smithfield, Rhode Island, where he is pursuing a degree in accounting.

A July 1997 wedding is planned.

## Genealogical Society At Historical Museum

The first meeting of the Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society for the fall season will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sept. 4th at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, Springfield Quadrangle, at 7:00 p.m. with Claudia Chicklas presiding.

Guest speaker will be Mr. John P. O'Connor, well-known Genealogist at the Museum.

The Museum will be open to members at 5:00 p.m. for research prior to the meeting. Free parking is available in the North Edwards Street lot and at the State Street lot.

Interested newcomers to the exciting world of genealogy research are especially invited to hear Mr. O'Connor, who regularly holds classes for beginners at the Museum. Guests are always welcome.

## Another "Night At The Movies" At The Ag. Public Library

The whole family is invited to the library on Tuesday, August 27th, from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. for another "Night at the Movies."

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BABY HAYLEY M. PHILLIPS

## Hayley M. Phillips Born May 21st

Joelle Baker and Mark Phillips of Agawam have announced the birth of their first child, Hayley Morgan Phillips. Born on May 21st, she weighed nine pounds, 13 ounces.

Hayley's grandparents are Lorie & Charlie Baker of Agawam, and Patricia Phillips of New Britain, CT.

Her great-grandparents are Aletha and Everett Hodge of Agawam, Helen and Russell Baker of Agawam, Siegfried H. Madler of Enfield, CT, and Barbara Madler of Weatogue, CT.

The baby's uncles are Justin, Matthew, and Joshua.

## Feeding Hills 4-H'ers To Compete In Big E Beef Show

Katie Turnbull, 13, and Derrick Turnbull, 14, of Feeding Hills will be among the youths participating in the prestigious 1996 New England 4-H Beef Show at "The Big E" — the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA.

The 1996 New England 4-H Beef Show will take place over four days of the fair, beginning Friday, September 20th, in Mallary Complex with the 4-H Beef Skill-A-Thon at 2:30 p.m. and the 4-H Beef Halter Making Contest at 3:30 p.m.

Events in Mallary Complex include: on Saturday, September 21st, the 4-H Beef Judging Contest at 9:00 a.m., and the 4-H Beef Type Show at 2:30 p.m.; on Sunday, September 22nd, the 4-H Beef Fitting and Showmanship Contest at 3:00 p.m., and the Jackpot Steer Show at 7:00 p.m.

The show concludes Monday, September 23rd, with the 4-H Beef Quiz Bowl at 10:00 a.m. in the New England Center, and with the 4-H Beef Awards Ceremony at 3:00 p.m. and the 4-H Beef Sale at 6:00 p.m. in Mallary Complex.

The 75th edition of the Eastern States Exposition, "New England's Fall Classic," will be held September 13-29, 1996.

## Two Agawam Farms Named By State As Partners With Nature

Fifty Massachusetts farmers, not to mention the environment, are the big winners this summer, as the unique *Partners with Nature* program once again awards certificates to growers who keep the environment in mind when they cultivate their crops.

*Partners with Nature* is a collaborative effort between University of Massachusetts Extension, the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture, and the USDA Farm Service Agency to recognize farmers who meet state guidelines in the practice of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), an environmentally responsible method of farming.

The number of farmers participating in *Partners with Nature* is growing; last year, 37 farms growing 68 individual crops were certified; this year, 125 crops grown by 50 farmers have been certified.

Area farmers included in the program are Cecchi Farm, 1131 Springfield Street, Agawam, and Noel E. Brown & Sons, 443 North West Street, Agawam.

Farmers receive certificates, posters, and marketing materials to publicize their recognition by the state to consumers concerned about food safety and environmental protection.

Crops of sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, squash, pumpkins, strawberries, cole crops, and potatoes are eligible. To qualify for certification, farmers must be knowledgeable about pesticide safety and use certain techniques including pest monitoring and soil and fertilization management.

"IPM combines a number of different techniques to solve pest problems," says Craig Hollingsworth, Extension educator. "By attacking a pest's life cycle from different angles, we can get better pest control, while reducing the need to use pesticides." Hollingsworth says that using IPM generally involves cultural controls, like crop rotation and resistant crop varieties, in addition to pest monitoring, biological control, and appropriate pesticide use. "Every year, Massachusetts farmers demonstrate a reduction in pesticide use, simply by carefully monitoring fields for pests, and only using pesticides when they are needed."

*Partners with Nature* is the first state-sponsored IPM certification program in the country, and it is attracting the attention of farmers and environmentalists from around the world. Hollingsworth says, "We have sent our IPM guidelines to Europe, Asia, and New Zealand and throughout the U.S. In addition, we've just been contacted by scientists in Michigan and Australia, and by the National Potato Board. It's great that the University of Massachusetts is leading this effort."

## Agawam UNICO Sets Annual Chicken BBQ

Agawam UNICO National will hold its 34th annual Chicken Bar-B-Que on Sunday, August 25th at the Polish American Club Pavilion, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills.

This very popular event will begin at 12:00 noon and service will continue until 5:00 p.m. Donation for adults is \$6.50 and children under 12, \$4.50. Funds raised will go to benefit UNICO charities. UNICO is a non-profit organization which donates funds to local and national charities and people in need.

Don't miss this wonderful afternoon. Bring family and friends and, of course, a big appetite. Tickets may be purchased at the door or advanced sales through UNICO members and Bruno Maule at 789-0082.



BABY JORDYN M. CONWAY and big proud brother Jacob T. Conway.

## Conways Announce Birth Of Daughter

John and Kim Conway are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jordyn MacKenzie Conway. The proud brother is Jacob Tyler, who is two years, three months old.

Jordyn arrived on June 29th at 2:30 p.m. She weighed six pounds, 11.9 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are James and Cynthia Ferris of Feeding Hills. Paternal grandparents are Ellen Conway and the late John J. Conway of West Springfield.

The great-grandparents are Fran and Enis Bouley and Dan and Lil Ferris from Agawam.

## Sons Of Italy Plan Raffle On Sept. 7th At Mt. Carmel School

Amerits Mixed Lodge No. 179 of Springfield, Order Sons of Italy in America, is sponsoring Labella Tesore (Raffle) at the Mt. Carmel School Auditorium on Saturday, September 7, 1996 from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.

A charitable organization chartered in Massachusetts, Amerits Mixed Lodge donates regularly to Cooley's Anemia, United Cerebral Palsy, Shriners Children's Hospital, Alzheimer's research, and student scholarships.

Proceeds from the LaBella Tesore (Raffle) will allow the club to continue these charitable programs.

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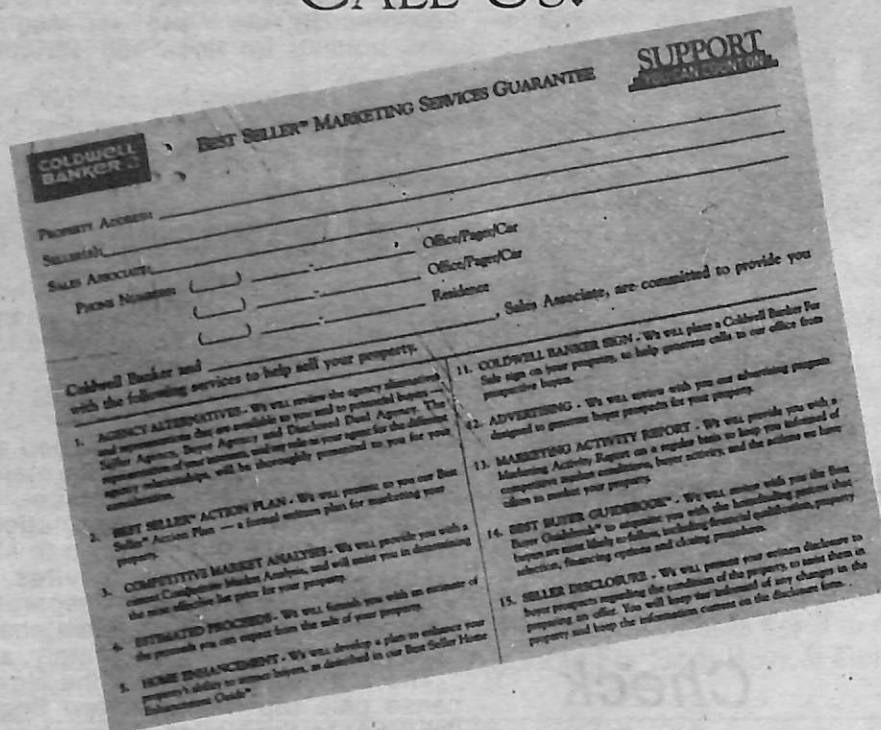


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## Camp Rainbow Thanks UNICO



CAMP RAINBOW, the town's special needs summer camp, recognized Agawam UNICO for all the help and support the club has given to the camp. Accepting the award for UNICO is Rich Morassi (right). Lori Leclair (center) is the camp's director. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Free Workshop On Mortgages Slated For Saturday, August 24th

**THE PIONEER GROUP** is sponsoring a FREE Public Service Workshop entitled "Mortgages ... What the Banks Don't Tell You." It will be held on Saturday morning, August 24th, between the hours of 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, in West Springfield.

Topics to be discussed include ... the various Federal Loan Programs that are currently available to first-time buyers and move-up home buyers ... understanding points and closing costs and how to minimize fees ... understanding seller contributions ... the difference between a bank and mortgage company and which ones offer the better value ... how to buy a house when you have had credit problems ... buying a multi-family house ... buying a house when you already own a condominium ... and much more!

The information contained in the 90-minute seminar may save today's home buyers thousands of dollars.

Speakers at the workshop will include Donald Thompson, a Principal of **THE PIONEER GROUP**, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free-of-charge and reservations are suggested ... their last seminar was filled to capacity. For more information, please listen to the recorded info message at 846-0981 ... and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

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Stop & Shops in Western Massachusetts and Connecticut will also sell advance Pay-One-Price ride discount coupons for just \$11, good for any one day Monday through Thursday to ride all rides on the Magic Midway. A portion of advance Pay-One-Price sales will be donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

All advance admission tickets and P-O-P coupons must be purchased by September 7th.

Attendance for this year's 75th anniversary fair is expected to soar past the million mark. Fairgoers who want to avoid long lines at the gates and get right to the fun can do so by purchasing their tickets in advance.

"New England's Fall Classic" will excite and delight fairgoers of all ages with a lineup of top-name entertainers; the prestigious Eastern States Exposition Horse Show, sponsored by Plymouth Place; The Big E Circus under the Big Top, sponsored by Coca-Cola; Joie Chitwood's Thrill Show, sponsored by New Miller Beer; Magic Midway rides, including the Fabulous Flip; premier livestock and agricultural programs; and mouth-watering foods.

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## Jane N. Brooks Of Agawam Lab Manager At Bondi's Island

The Springfield Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility's Operations Challenge Team, *Mass Balance*, competed in the New England Operations Challenging competition in Portland, Maine on June 4, 1996, according to SRWTF Laboratory Manager Jane Nicholson Brooks. Mrs. Brooks resides in Agawam with her husband and two young daughters. She is a 1971 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1977 graduate of the University of Massachusetts, where she earned a BS in Environmental Science.

The SRWTF, representing the state of Massachusetts, competed against New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, and Connecticut. The Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association sponsored *Mass Balance* by paying expenses for the three-day trip to Maine.

Operations Challenge requires teams to perform skills related to wastewater treatment in five separate events; Process Control, Laboratory, Collection Systems, Pump Maintenance, and Safety. The teams are judged based on how quickly, accurately, and safely the skills are performed.

The top two teams from the New England competition receive an expense paid trip from the New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) to the National Operations Challenge competition at the Water Environment Association's annual conference held this year in Dallas, Texas on October 5-9, 1996.

The New England competition this year was very close and exciting. The New Hampshire *Synergetics* took first place overall by scoring first place in four out of five events. There was a tie for second place between *Mass Balance* and the *Maine Breakers* from the Brewer, Maine wastewater treatment facility.

In the event of a tie, the total times for all five events are added up. The *Maine Breakers* won by eight seconds over Springfield's *Mass Balance*!!! Even though it was disappointing, *Mass Balance* held their heads up high and ended up taking a trophy away from the New Hampshire *Synergetics* by taking first place in the Collection Systems event, a feat no other team was able to accomplish that day!!

Springfield's *Mass Balance* can be proud that they represented the state of Massachusetts so well at the New England competition. Good work, *Mass Balance*, and good luck next year!!!

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## Church News



IN PHOTO LEFT, Vacation Bible School campers at Feeding Hills Congregational Church pitch tents for their "overnight experience" - Greg Donaldson, Courtney Donaldson, Christine Kretschmar, T.J. Chapman, and Amanda Rozanski. IN PHOTO RIGHT, campers Andrew Kretschmar, Jeffrey Chapman, Geoffrey Moore, Kevin Moore, and Richard Rozanski are all set for their big sleepover. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Vacation Bible School At F.H. Congregational Concludes With "Overnight Experience"

Vacation Bible School at Feeding Hills Congregational Church concluded with an "overnight experience."

After a day of hiking at Laughing Brook, students and teachers returned to pitch their tents behind the church, play games, toast mar-

shmallows, sing songs around the campfire, and get a few hours of sleep before rising and shining for breakfast and church service.

The August 17th-18th event was organized by Christian Education Chair Melinda Coffey, with assistance from Chris Chapman, Debbie

Donaldson, Karl Moore, Evelyn Nodland, Matt Granger, Tom Chapman, Pat DeYoung, and Rev. Rob Donaldson.

As they folded their tents, weary but enthusiastic teachers were already busy discussing plans for next summer's "Overnight Experience."

### Rev. Telemaque's Brother Speaks At United Methodist

Last Sunday, August 18th, guest preacher Mr. Arnold Telemaque of the Leeward Islands' district in the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas (MCCA) spoke at the 9:30 a.m. worship service at Agawam United Methodist Church.

Mr. Telemaque, brother of the Rev. Reuben Telemaque, pastor of the Agawam United Church, is the district men's work secretary. He spoke of the work of men in a district whose boundary

stretches beyond the Caribbean to Holland in Europe. The work of the men, he said, included active participation both in the life of the church and the community.

Mr. Telemaque climaxed his talk with reference to his own involvement in the life of the church at several levels. He also thanked the congregation for its valuable gift to help meet the need of those who suffer.

This Sunday, August 25th, worship will be conducted by Rev. Telemaque at the usual time of 9:30 a.m.

As the summer holiday nears its end, we invite all who seek a place of worship to join us as we continue other forms of worship. If you like the hymn-sing, this will be your opportunity to join in as we sing tunes familiar to us and as we recall some of the favorite Gospels.

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You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for adults begins at 9:00 a.m. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson will preach a sermon entitled "The Problem: Conventional Wisdom."

Children are welcome to attend church with their parents, leaving at the designated time for a planned activity; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

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The Board of Trustees has called for a Special Meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on August 25, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. to act upon the following:

1. To transfer \$25,000 from the Feeding Hills Congregational Church Building Fund to install vinyl siding, new windows, and a new attic floor in the parsonage.

2. To rescind the vote on June 9, 1996 to transfer \$7,000 from the Feeding Hills Congregational Church Building Fund to replace the windows in the parsonage.

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Rally/Renewal Sunday will be September 8, 1996. The service that morning will be intergenerational, with a dedication of church school teachers and children and a renewal of our Covenant featured in the service. Students will have an opportunity to meet with their teachers during Coffee Hour following the service.

On September 8th, we'll show we are Alive in God's Way, our church school theme for the quarter, and the focus of sermons during that period.

Sunday School classes will resume at 9:00 a.m. the following Sunday, September 15th. So do come back if you've been away.

Join us as we renew our commitment to God, to each other, and to Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

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We will say farewell to our friends from the Stay-n-Play Daycare as they head back to school this week.

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On the calendar this week:

**Saturday, August 24th:** 10:00 a.m., Christian Ed meeting.

**Sunday, August 25th:** 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship; 11:00 a.m., Special Meeting; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads Christian Fellowship.

**Tuesday, August 27th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Wednesday, August 28th:** 7:30 p.m., Finance Committee meeting.

**Thursday, August 29th:** 5:30 p.m., Volleyball.

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St. Joe's Church In Westfield Plans  
Annual Polish Fest On Sept. 1st

St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church in Westfield will hold its annual "Dozynki—Polish Harvest Festival" on Sunday, September 1, 1996. The festival will be held from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. at the parish Social Center and Parish Grounds, Main Street and Clinton Avenue, Westfield, MA.

The harvest wreath, which will be blessed during the 8:00 a.m. Mass that morning, will be brought to the festival with the procession starting promptly at 1:00 p.m. The Dozynki program, highlighted by members of the parish dressed in Polish costumes and singing beautiful folk songs, will follow.

The St. Joseph's Dozynki Dancers will perform traditional Polish folk dances as well. After the program, the Leo Murawski Orchestra will provide music for your dancing pleasure from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Dozynki kitchen will be open from 12:00 noon until closing. Of course, we'll have the Polish favorites — pierogi, golabki, kapusta, kielbasa, etc. — as well as American foods. There will be games for the children and the adults. There is no admission charge, and the public is cordially invited.

We celebrate "Dozynki," a harvest festival of Thanksgiving, and we are reminded of the old Polish traditions concerning the feast. A wreath, called either "wieniec" or "snop," is blessed by the priest on that day.

Women of the parish will prepare and decorate the mound-shaped wreath, which is made of many kinds of grain, herbs, flowers, fruits and vegetables, and is adorned with red and white ribbons. The Dozynki singers, who represent the peasants, will bring the wreath to the festival and present it to the landlord and his wife, the "Pan" or "Pani."

The peasant singers offer special harvest songs, after which there is a time of merriment. Now that the harvest work is over, the dancing and feasting begin.

Dozynki is a festival of praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the goodness He has given us, and it is a time to enjoy these gifts God has given us as well.

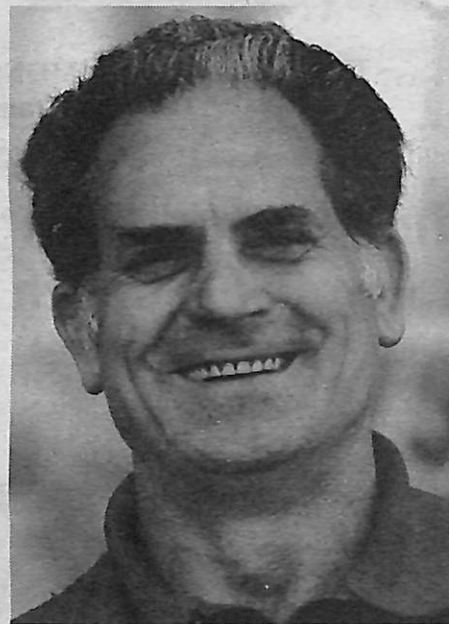
The St. Joseph's Dozynki Dancers is a group of 15 youths from St. Joseph's Parish in Westfield. Miss Sandy Lajewski will be directing the dancers this year.

The Dozynki Singers are members of St. Joseph's Parish and other Polish National Catholic parishes of our area who have joined together to uphold this beautiful Polish tradition. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Schab will be the "Pan" and "Pani" of our harvest festival.

Mr. Trent Taylor, chairman of the Parish Committee, and Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak, pastor, extend a most cordial invitation to all to attend this year's Dozynki. We assure you that you will have an enjoyable time.

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**Church News - continued...****Tag Sale Held At Valley Community Church**

**THE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH** in Feeding Hills held a Tag Sale on August 3rd. Some of those participating included, from left - Kathy Manley, Dale Pearsons, and Douglas Angilly. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

**Upcoming Happenings  
At First Baptist Church**

"Of Rocks and Hills" will be the subject of Rev. Richard Barnes' sermon this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. He will use selections from the gospel according to St. Luke as his scriptural text. The responsive reading will be led by Diana LaZazzera.

Guest pianist for the morning will be Margaret Hill-Sarno, and soloists will be Carol Faille and Leroy Wright.

Coffee and conversation will follow worship in Davis Hall. Child care is available.

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There will be a meeting of the Board of Deacons on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Lockhart Parlor.

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There will be no EZ Does It Aerobics classes this week. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 3rd.

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On Tuesday, August 27th, our members will serve at Loaves and Fishes, meals for the homeless in Springfield.

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Midweek evening worship services continue on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

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On Sunday, September 8th, Rally Day will be celebrated. The youth group and other members of the church will give a special presentation about Jesus. Several brief hymn sings will be featured as part of the service, also.

Following worship, an ALL CHURCH picnic will be held at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street.

Mark your calendar for this important event.

**Tag Sale On Sept. 7th  
At Sacred Heart**

Applications are now being accepted for the Annual Tag/Craft Sale at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills on Saturday, September 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will be held in the parking lot of the church.

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### Why Should You Believe In Jesus?

Why should anybody believe Jesus' claims about Himself? As we have noted recently, Jesus Christ presented Himself to the world as a great religious leader, as a prophet, as a teacher and as an exemplary person. However, that was only the beginning, and a small portion of the story, at that.

Jesus' message is best summed up by three words he said: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." That is not the claim of a man who is only a religious leader, prophet, or teacher. Billy Graham likes to say we have only three choices of how we can regard Jesus.

According to Dr. Graham, Jesus is either a liar, a lunatic, or He is the Son of God.

Did Jesus Christ know He was not the Savior of the world, but claimed to be anyway? Was His purpose in life to draw attention to Himself for His own deceitful reasons? Or was Jesus Christ a tragically self-deluded person who thought He was God's Son and Savior, but wasn't?

Or is it true that Jesus Christ really is who He claimed to be all along? The Bible makes an interesting comment about Jesus; that He came according to the Scriptures. Let's see what that means.

In Genesis 49, we read "the scepter will not depart from Judah ... until He comes to whom it belongs." In Matthew 1:3, we see that Jesus' earthly lineage traces back to Judah.

In Psalm 110, we read "The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind: You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." These were very strange words, until he read in the Epistle to the Hebrews that Jesus fulfilled this promise.

In Psalm 118, it says "This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter ... The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone." Later on, Isaiah 28 also speaks of "a precious cornerstone," which could be trusted and which would nullify the power of death and the grave. The New Testament identifies Jesus as that cornerstone, in the Gospels, in Acts and in Peter's Epistle.

In Micah 5:2, we read "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for Me One who will be Ruler over Israel." Everyone who has seen a Christmas card knows that Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Finally in Zechariah 9 it says "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." This prophecy was fulfilled, on what we now call Palm Sunday.

There are many more promises and prophecies in the Old Testament, which refer to the Messiah long ago promised by God and which were fulfilled in the New Testament by Jesus. Each of these prophecies was written many hundreds of years before Jesus was born, and many of them seemed mysterious until he fulfilled them.

Taken together, they assure us that Jesus Christ is neither liar nor lunatic; He is indeed just what he said He was, God's Son and our Savior.

## Sacred Heart Church Lists Events & Activities For Next Few Weeks

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION...

Registration for the 1996-1997 Religious Education Program will begin on August 31st in the Parish Center.

Registration will be held after all Masses on the weekends of August 31 & September 1st, and September 7th & 8th, as well as on the following days in the Parish Center:

Monday, September 2nd, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday, September 3rd, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday, September 4th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Thursday, September 5th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; and Friday, September 6th, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Registration fee is \$25 per student, not to exceed \$50 per family. Those registering after the above mentioned dates are subject to a late fee of \$10 per student.

New students to the program must bring a copy of their baptismal certificate.

### "I AM SPECIAL" REGISTRATION...

Registration for the Sunday morning "I Am Special" program will be held at the same time as the regular Religious Education registration. Registration fee is \$15.

This program is held in the Parish Center during the 9:00 a.m. Mass and is for children ages 2½ through Kindergarten. This year we will be using a new program. It will be Bible based.

Any questions, see Alma at registration time or call her at 786-9835.

### BAPTISMS:

Please welcome into our parish family the newly baptized: Jordan McKenzie Conway and Timothy Ryan Shea.

Congratulations to their parents and families.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

August 29th: Softball Game, Youth vs. Parents, Field, 7:00 p.m. (RSVP by August 28th, 12 noon.)

September 8th: Youth Meeting/Sundaes, Parish Center, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Cost - \$1. (RSVP by September 7th, 12:00 noon.)

### TAG/CRAFT SALE:

Spaces are still available for the Tag/Craft Sale in the parking lot on Saturday, September 7th (raindate, Sunday, September 8th, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.). Call 786-4966 or 786-8433 for more information.

Do you have a few items around the house that you would like to get rid of but not enough to rent a space? You could donate them to a special table at the Tag/Craft Sale. All monies earned will be added to the profits of the day and given to our Parish.

PLEASE, NO CLOTHES (save those for the Spring Rummage Sale, as well as large items).

Watch the next bulletin for a drop-off date for those items you are donating.

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Bishop Thomas L. Dupre invites all couples who are celebrating a significant anniversary (25th or 50th) anytime within the year to a special Anniversary Celebration and Reception which will be held on Sunday, September 22, 1996 at Our Lady of Hope Church, Springfield.

If you are celebrating a special anniversary, please notify the parish by calling 786-8200 or by mailing to the rectory your name, address, and number of years married. A special invitation will be sent from the Bishop, and you can choose to attend or not.

## Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, August 25th, is the 13th Sunday after Pentecost, and the Summer Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Summer hours will continue through to Sunday, September 1st.

This Sunday, Rev. Kyle McGaw, the former pastor of the Agawam United Methodist Church, will again be our Guest Preacher. Rev. McGaw's Sermon will be "Living Our Lives In Jesus' Name," taken from Text: Matthew 16:13-20.

The Summer Youth Church, "Kids For Character," continues following the "Children's Message." This week the teacher will be Mr. Dan Pender, the Christian Education/Youth Director.

The program is a series devoted to instructing children in developing their character, values, and ethics. The series will be adapted to support these themes from a Biblical perspective.

This program will run through Sunday, August 25th. All children are welcome!

Church School begins on Sunday, September 8, 1996. Call the church office, 786-7111, and register your children for class.

The seventh through 12th grade will meet at 9:15 a.m., and the Crib Room (three and four year-olds through the sixth grade) will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Playgroup begins Wednesday, September 18th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. For more information concerning this group, contact the church office, 786-7111.

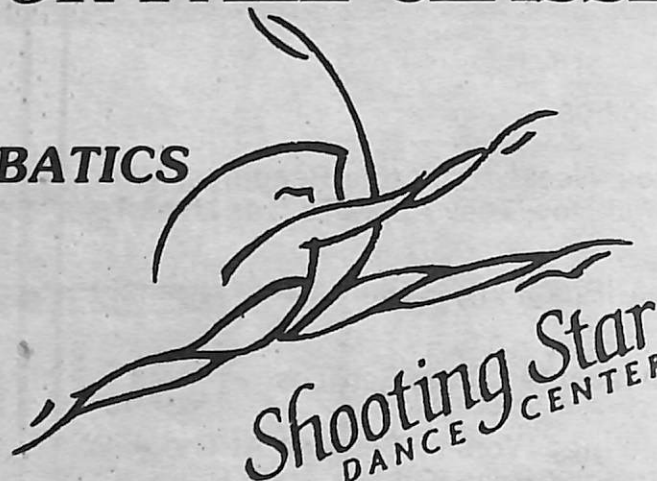
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Remember, however, you must understand that pre-qualification is not a pre-approval for a loan. Pre-approval is a much more involved formalized process where as the lender actually provides you with a letter of credit for a specific type of loan after verifying income, credit, employment, debts, etc.

The less formal process of pre-qualifying is a tremendous tool for buyers to have when making an offer. Usually, pre-qualified buyers have an edge when making an offer because the seller knows that the buyer is pre-qualified, and that there is at least one lender ready to make it happen. It also allows you the flexibility to choose the mortgage that is best for you at the time of actual purchase which is most often weeks down the road. This can be important given the volatility of interest rates.

When a lender pre-qualifies, they are more interested in the buyer's paying ability than the price of the property. For this reason, lenders are interested in more than just the buyer's income.

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debt-to-income ratio is a large down payment. A buyer that puts a large percentage of the purchase price down (20 percent or more) are considered better risks, because they are less likely to default on a loan and lose their investment.

Regardless if you are a first-time buyer or buying up, you should keep pre-qualification in mind before you start shopping for a home.

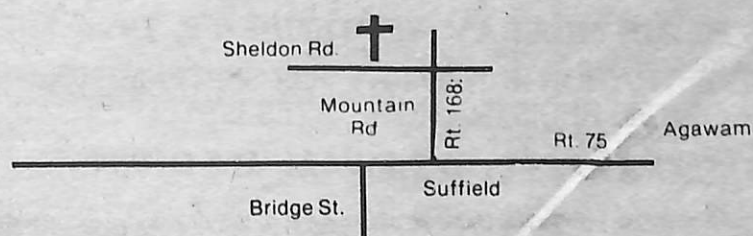
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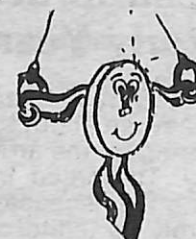


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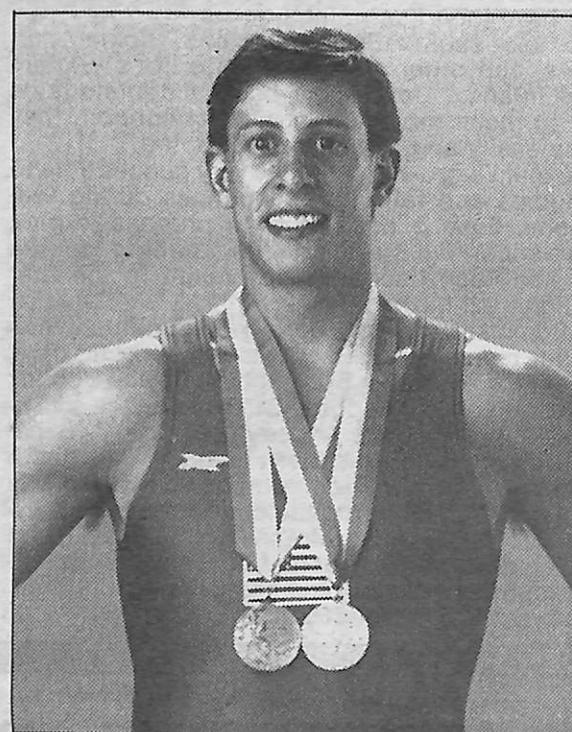
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### Genesis Center In Ag. Announces Self-Help Course In Arthritis

The Genesis Center for Health and Rehabilitation is pleased to announce the offering of the Arthritis Self Help Course. The program will be held at the Center at 540 Meadow Street Extension in Agawam on Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m., beginning September 18th and concluding October 23rd.

Martha Bernstein and Rhoda Mandell, an occupational therapist at the Genesis Center for Health and Rehabilitation, participated in a training program at the Arthritis Foundation which enables them to offer the course locally. The program is designed to help people manage their arthritis, reduce pain, and deal with other problems associated with having arthritis. The Arthritis Foundation believes that people who self manage often feel better.

Among the topics covered in the Self Help Course are descriptions of the various types of arthritis, pain management, exercise, medications, and doctor-patient relations. "Participants will find they learn a great deal from each other. Rhoda and I only facilitate discussions and provide resources; the group participants really are the experts," commented Martha Bernstein from the Genesis Center for Health and Rehabilitation.

Registration information can be obtained by contacting the Genesis Center for Health and Rehabilitation at 789-3933. There is a \$25 registration fee, payable to the Arthritis Foundation, which covers the cost of a book and other course materials.

A full array of rehabilitation services are available at the Genesis Center for Health and Rehabilitation. For information on any of these services, including complimentary transportation for therapy appointments, please contact Martha Bernstein at 789-3933.

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### Agawam Medical West Associates Welcomes New Internist

Officials at Agawam Medical West Associates have announced that Adela Berkovitz, MD, has joined the staff as a specialist in internal medicine. Dr. Berkovitz is currently accepting new patients.

A native of Romania, Dr. Berkovitz comes to Agawam after a three-year stint as assistant chief resident at Stamford Hospital in Stamford, CT. She received her undergraduate and medical schooling in Romania, at the Institutul de Medicina si Farmacie, and also completed a residency in family practice at the Institutul.

Before her appointment at Stamford Hospital, Dr. Berkovitz served as a medical examiner for ASB Meditest in Windsor Locks, CT. Dr. Berkovitz is married and has two children. Her personal interests include camping, fishing, and almost any other outdoor sport.

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### Breast Cancer Support At Mercy Hospital

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, will meet Sept. 3rd and 17th, 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed as having breast cancer. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

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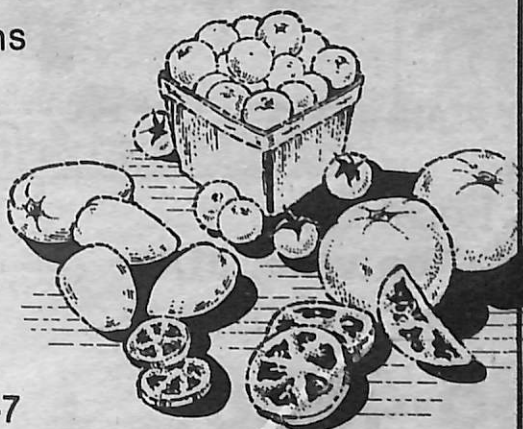
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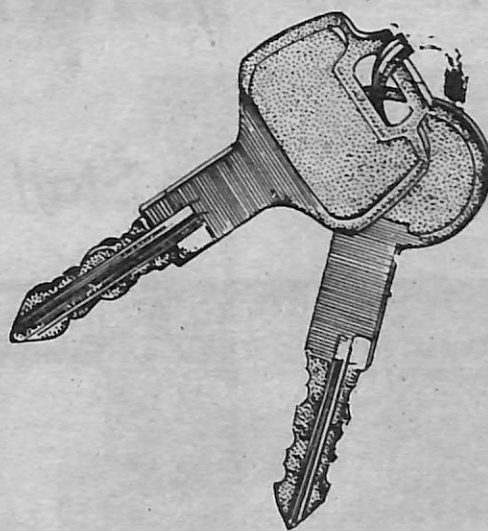


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### Keeping Comfortable While On Vacation

During vacations, people often experience neck and low back pain, even if they don't usually have problems. This may be due to extended periods of time driving in the car, sleeping on a different mattress, laying on the beach, or doing things that we don't normally do.

Here are some tips that may help minimize the discomfort:

1. Bring a towel with you in the car. Roll it up and place it behind your low back. This will help support your spine while driving or riding. Also, bring a smaller towel, roll it up, and place around the neck to help support that region during long drives.

2. Bring your own pillow on the trip. Oftentimes hotel pillows are too large and aren't good for the neck.

3. Try stretching your low back and neck prior to going to bed. Oftentimes the muscles are tight from overusing them during the day, which can then cause more discomfort when sleeping on a foreign mattress.

4. At the end of the day, elevate your legs before you retire. On vacation, many times we're on the go, running here and there without resting. When we finally rest, the legs are throbbing with pain.

Lay on the floor and raise your legs against the wall. Stay for 10 to 15 minutes. This allows the blood to return to the center of the body.

I remember reading that Shirley MacLaine (dancer, singer, actress — you know you're getting old when you have to explain who she is!) would elevate her legs every night for 30 minutes. She claims that has kept her legs youthful. Worth trying, anyway!

So enjoy your vacation by limiting your discomfort.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

### Family Life Center At Mercy Hosp. Offers Prenatal Exercise Class

Mothers-to-be can maintain or improve their physical fitness through a series of prenatal exercise classes sponsored by the Family Life Center at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. Weekly classes begin August 27th at 5:45 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

Led by professionals trained in prenatal exercise, the classes focus on gentle stretching and strengthening exercises for areas of the body most affected by pregnancy, including the muscles of the lower back, abdomen, and pelvic floor. The program is fun, providing both exercise and support for expectant women who have completed their first trimester.

Cost is \$30 for the first month, which includes a take-home video; each additional month is \$20.

For more information and to register, call the Family Life Center, (413) 748-7295.

### Chronic Pain Sufferers Can Receive Support At Mercy Hospital

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital sponsors a free Chronic Pain Support Group for sufferers, their families, and friends. The next meetings will be conducted Sept. 3rd, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center, and Sept. 17th, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium.

The group is led by Glenn Fagen, Ph.D., a clinical neuropsychologist at the Weldon Center. Dr. Fagen will discuss new technologies, theories, and treatments for chronic pain; participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and learn pain management techniques.

For more information, call Nancy Shimel, group coordinator, at (413) 748-6800.

## WINGS Educational Services In Feeding Hills Offering Caregivers' Inservice Programs

WINGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES is currently offering Caregivers' Inservice Programs. Our programs are designed to better inform the public about a variety of health-related topics as well as discussing the area services, facilities, and organizations.

These inservices also keep the professional caregiver informed about the ever-changing network of services available to their clients and meet their yearly education inservice requirements. All Caregivers Inservice Programs are free to the public.

Listed below are some of our program topics for August 1996.

August 27th, 9:00-11:00 a.m. **WHO CARES FOR THE CAREGIVER?**

- \* Setting Limits
- \* Identifying Stressors
- \* Managing Stressful Situations
- \* The Nurturing Personality
- \* Improving Communication
- \* Stress Management Techniques
- \* How Professional Caregivers Can Avoid Burnout

August 29th, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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### Genesis ElderCare Home Care Services Announce Promotions

Genesis ElderCare Home Care Services, the home health division of Genesis Health Ventures, Inc. (NYSE: GHV) recently announced the following promotions in Agawam, MA, and the New England region:

**Robert Abel, RN** promoted to Regional Director for New England.

**Dolores Nelson, RN** from Director of Clinical Services to Administrator, Agawam.

**Cheryl Rzewnicki, RN** to Director of Clinical Services, Agawam.

- \* Housekeeping Practices
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**Pre-registration is required as seating is limited.** For reservations, please call WINGS at (413) 789-9844.

WINGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES is currently offering Caregivers' Inservice Programs. Topics for August 1996 are:

August 28th, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION TRAINING LEVEL C: HEALTHCARE PROVIDER LEVEL**

\* Infant CPR; \* Child CPR; \* Adult CPR

This CPR class is a Level C course suitable for the general public as well as all Healthcare Providers. This eight-hour course is being taught in one full day and is limited to six students. Registration for this course covers your training and certificate.

CPR books will be available to purchase for an additional \$7.

**Pre-registration is required as seating is limited.**

For more information, please call WINGS at (413) 789-9844.

### Self-Esteem Seminar For Children Slated

The special seminar "CREATING HIGH SELF-ESTEEM AND EMPOWERMENT FOR CHILDREN AGES 9 TO 14" is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th. The program will take place from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. and will be led by Dr. Steve Sobel, director and founder of The New England Institute For Stress Management of West Springfield.

The program will be held at 425 Union Street in Springfield, and pre-registration is needed by calling 785-1259. The cost is \$10 per child and seating is limited.

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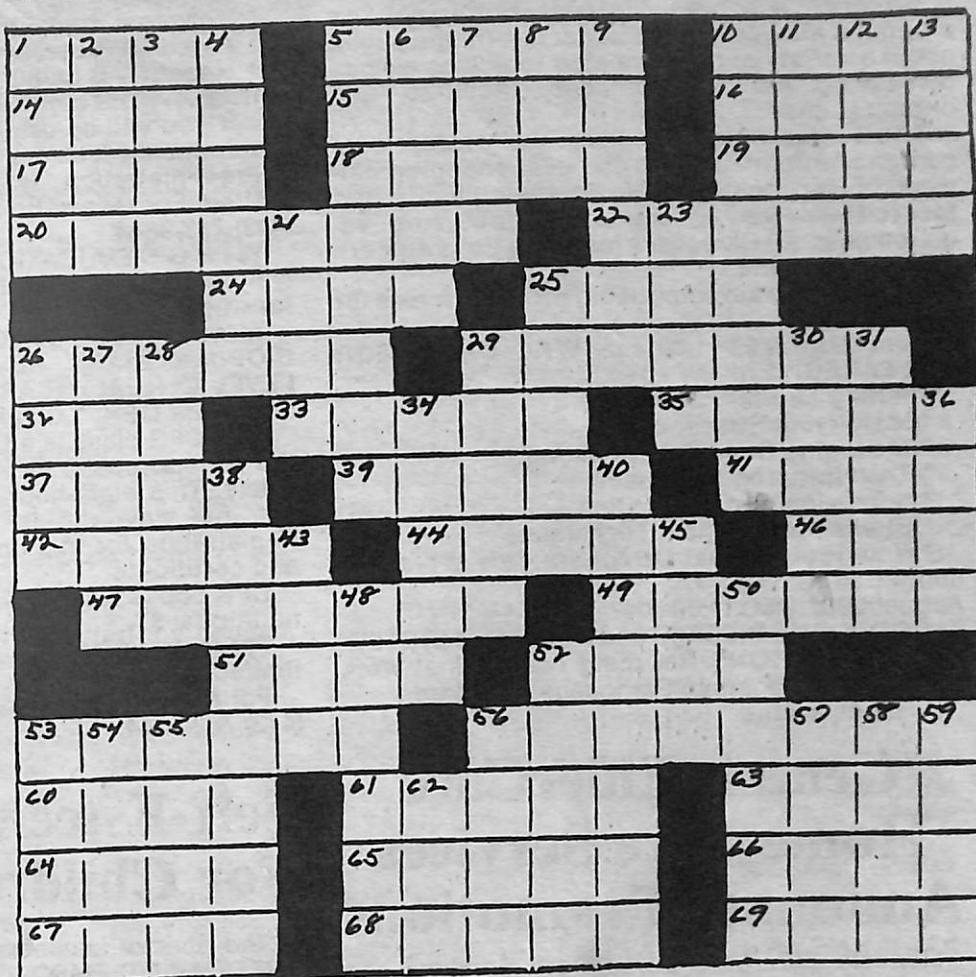
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- 56 Banned baseball pitches
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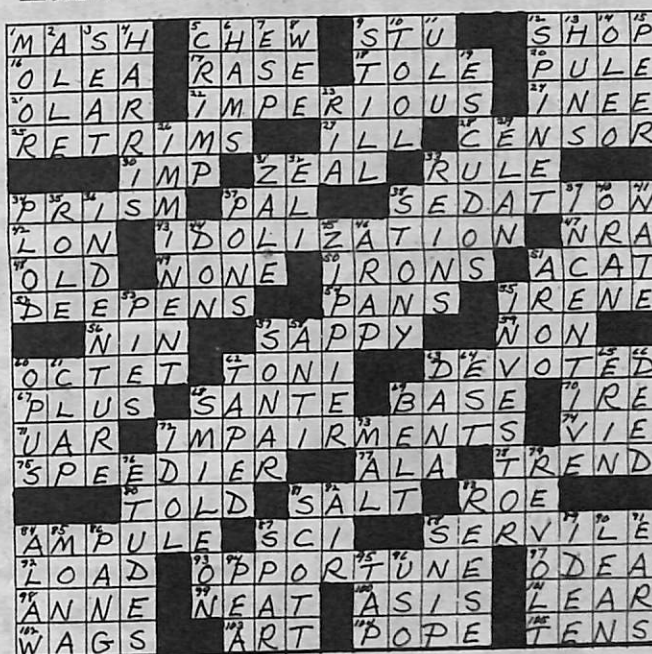
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- 5 Swiss Alp
- 6 "Like — out of the blue"
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- 8 Devour
- 9 Cubic meters
- 10 "Hand to hand" performers
- 11 Cassini
- 12 Poison
- 13 Scottish prune
- 21 "—do-well"
- 23 Choir member
- 25 Fall upon
- 26 Prepare to spring

## MEET THE MASTER — by Dick Mastroianni



## Last Week's Solution...



## 'Music Under The Stars' Concert Slated For Agawam Senior Center On August 28th

The Agawam Senior Center will be sponsoring "Music Under the Stars," a FREE concert featuring the Ambiance Wind Quintet, on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m.

This performance will feature Classical, Overtures, Jazz, Sousa, Show Tunes, and much more!

The concert will be held on the lawn at Meadowbrook Manor or inside the Senior Center in the event of rain. Everyone is invited to attend, so bring your lawn chair and experience the exciting sounds of the Ambiance Wind Quintet!



HANNAN & SARAH ROLLINS

## Rollins Girls Break Summer Reading Mark

Hannah and Sarah Rollins were the record-breaking duo that set an all-time high for Summer Reading Club membership at the Agawam Library.

When they signed up in early August, they were 1,103 and 1,104 on the roster, breaking all previous membership records. Both girls attend Benjamin Phelps School, where they will begin second and fourth grades in September.

The girls were given books donated by the Agawam Center Library Association. Hannah, a fan of Clifford the Big Red Dog, got CLIFFORD'S PUPPY DAYS and a Clifford sticker book. Sarah received some books and a figurine from her favorite "Pony Pal" series.

Total Summer Reading Club membership for 1996 was 1,134 youngsters, 244 of whom were pre-schoolers involved in the "Reading Together" program.

The library staff congratulates every child who participated, as well as all of the parents who helped keep track of their children's reading times and gave them lots of encouragement all summer long.

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## "CraftAdventure '96" Is A Crafter's Paradise August 23-25 At BIG E

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CRAFTADVENTURE '96 will showcase hundreds of unique, handworked designs, created by the best crafters in the region, in 21 contest categories including knitting, quilting, needlework, crochet, spinning, lace, weaving, rugging, and basketry. The latest supplies and equipment will also be on sale.

This year's special theme category is the "Diamond Jubilee" commemorating the 75th anniversary of The Big E. Imagination and skill will be woven together to create items that are representative of some aspect of the overall theme, the "Diamond Jubilee."

Featured speaker at this year's event will be Connecticut fiber artist David Eugene Bell, whose award-winning needlework creations have been exhibited in galleries throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts and are in private collections throughout the world. Bell's original needlework designs can be seen in a special display throughout the event and in a presentation titled "One Man's Creative Journey" at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 25th.

On Friday, August 23rd, at 2:00 p.m., Gerrie Kennedy, nationally-known basket weaver and teacher, will share her expertise on New England baskets, including Shaker and Nantucket types, as well as those of New England Native Americans and well-known Massachusetts craftsmen.

Crafters will also find a CRAFTADVENTURE gallery of original designs from the Haller Family and Friends Quilt Challenge and a collection of handmade cloth dolls and teddy bears, each with their own unique personality, in "Cloth Dolls Love Tea Parties! Teddy Bears Love Picnics!"

Also featured will be free mini-lectures, how-to demonstrations, and hands-on help from experienced crafters on a wide variety of topics.

Admission is \$3.50 per person. A special rate of \$1.75 per person is available for groups of 15 or more, and children 12 and under are admitted free.

Winning CRAFTADVENTURE '96 entries will be displayed alongside all "Diamond Jubilee" entries in the New England Center at this year's 75th anniversary Big E.

The New England Center will also house "Hmong Artistry," toured by ExhibitsUSA, an exhibit of the textile art of the Hmong people who emigrated from Southeast Asia to the United States, and The Big E's 75th anniversary "Diamond Jubilee" exhibit, celebrating the rich and colorful history of The Big E. This year's "New England's Fall Classic" will take place September 13th-29th.

For more information on CRAFTADVENTURE '96, call Helen Bardwell at (413) 787-0158 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## Local Kids Star In "Merlin's Mirror"



CAST MEMBERS OF "MERLIN'S MIRROR" display their fruit creations as they prepare for a medieval feast during their drama camp at the Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills. STAGE presented this original production on August 9th and 10th.



FEATHERSTONE JEWELRY of talented local artist Donald R. Blanton will be featured at the September 4th meeting of the Agawam Community Artists.

## Community Artists To Meet Sept. 4th At Leonard House

Talented local artist Donald R. Blanton will be the Agawam Community Artists' guest at the first meeting of their season on September 4, 1996 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House. The meeting is open to the public at no charge and is funded by the Agawam Arts Council. There will be a short business meeting prior to the artist's demonstration.

Blanton is a most versatile and creative artist in the area doing sculpture, fine art, and jewelry. His work has been featured at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum in Springfield, MA, and has been the focus of many newspaper articles.

Blanton has had many murals in Los Angeles and Springfield, and his paintings have been shown in Mystic, Connecticut, the Afro-American

International Cultural Center of AIC, and the Groton Arts Festival, as well as several colleges in the Greater Springfield area.

He has created a special process which marbleizes his work, creating distinctive finishes for many of his sculptures and jewelry. You may have seen his work at the West Fest and the Agawam Junior Women's Arts and Crafts Show.

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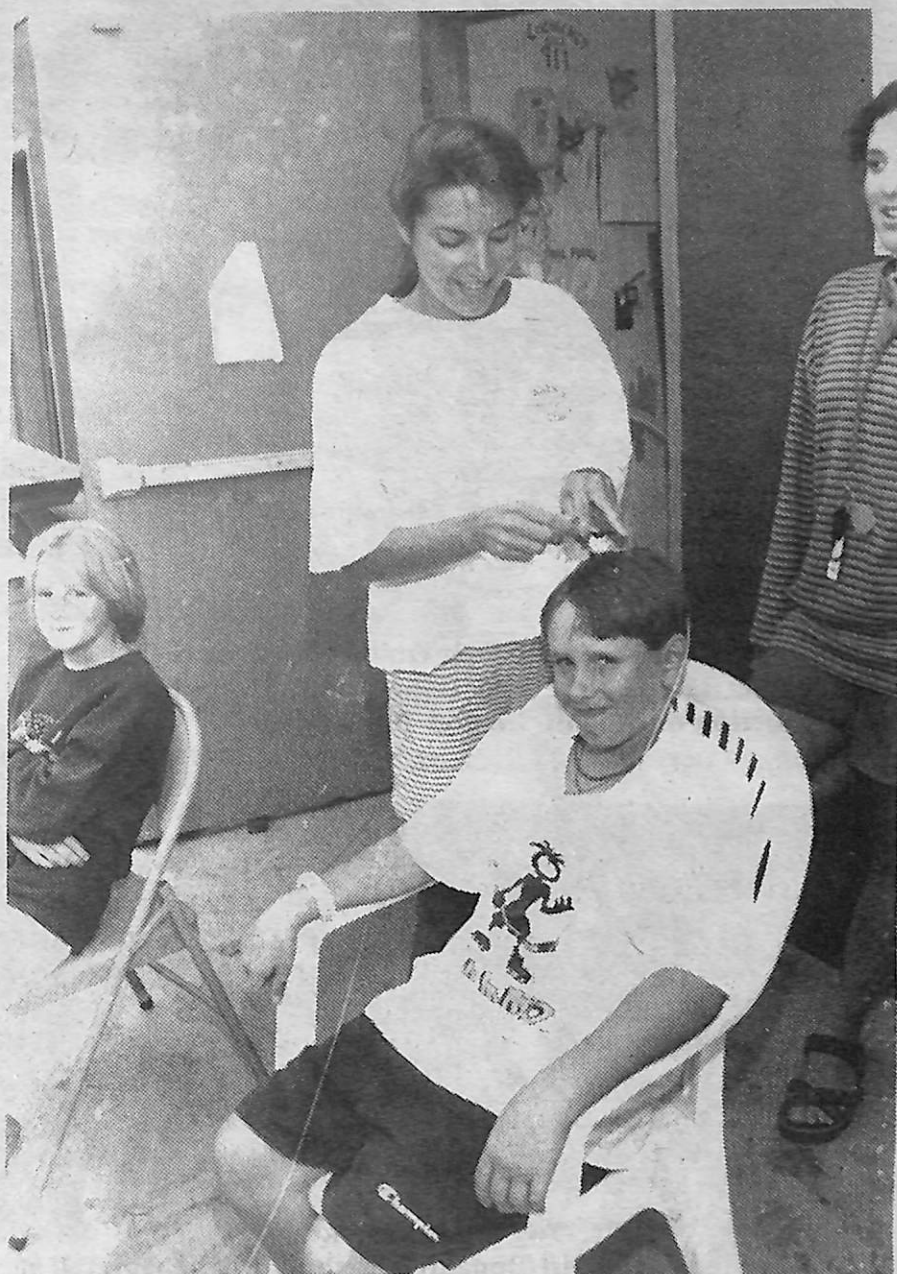




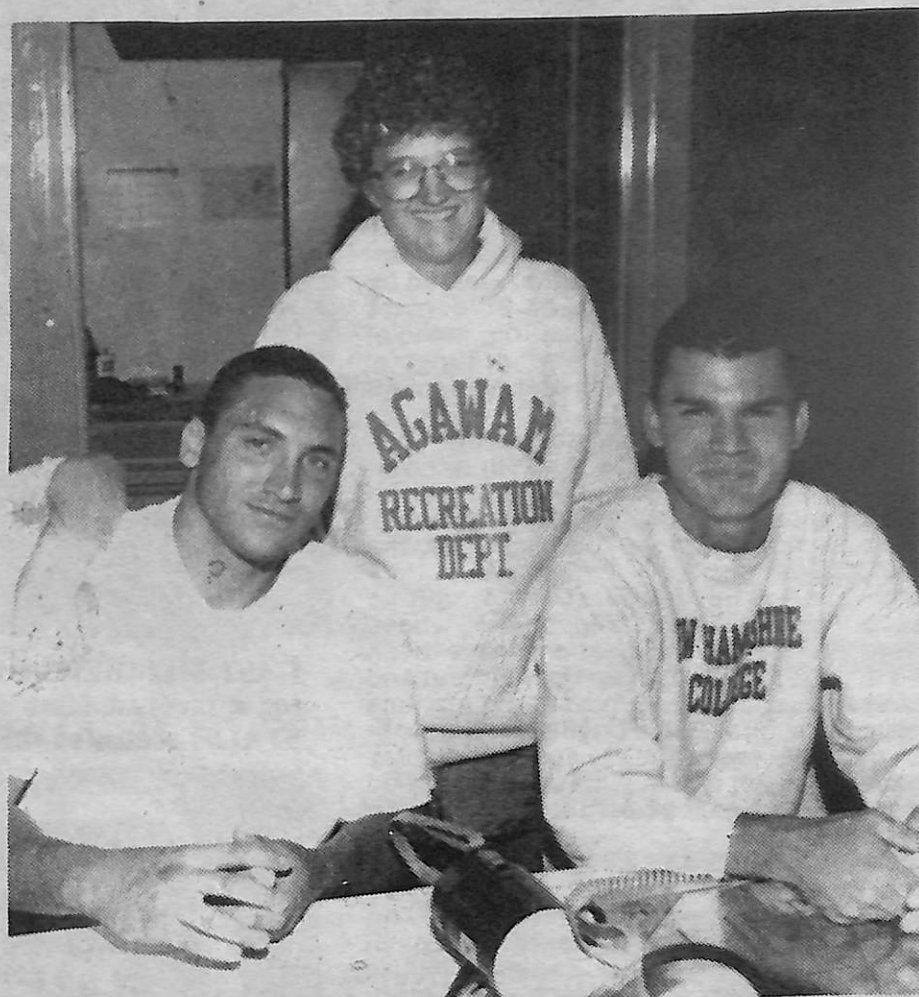


## Education

### Annual Carnival Held At Perry Lane Park



PERRY LANE CAMP COUNSELOR Jill Gagne (above, left) puts a hair wrap on camper Matt Footit at the park's Annual Penny Carnival earlier this month; IN PHOTO RIGHT, camp specialists Dan Pryce, Sarah Hufland, and Greg Pudlo are all set for the special day of fun at Perry Lane Summer Camp. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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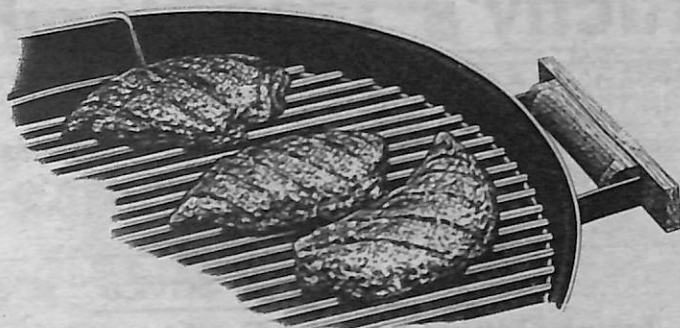
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## "Back To School" Updates From Agawam High School

All students should be aware of the fact that school opens for everyone on September 4th. Upper classes are to report along with the ninth grade students on September 4th.

First period starts at 7:25 a.m. All students should arrive at school much earlier in order to pick up their schedules.

Seniors and Juniors are to pick up their schedules in the gym. Sophomores are to pick up their schedules in the cafeteria. Freshmen are to report to the auditorium for their schedules and an orientation assembly.

Students may begin to purchase combination locks and Seniors and Juniors can purchase parking stickers the week of August 26th-30th. The cost is \$5 for each.

Ninth grade students are invited to visit the high school on August 28th and 29th from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. in order to familiarize yourself with the school.

Please assemble outside the auditorium for one half hour guided tour.

Mr. Cavallo and Mr. Ramah have worked hard on scheduling over the summer to accommodate student scheduling requests. Approximately 95 percent of those requests have been honored.

Those areas that have not been honored are due to course conflicts. Whatever changes that still have to be worked out will be handled by the Guidance Staff during the first week of school.

## Agawam Junior High To Hold "Orientation Night" On Sept. 3rd

In an effort to welcome and familiarize incoming seventh grade students with their new school, the Agawam Junior High School will conduct a "Seventh Grade Orientation Night" on Tuesday, September 3, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the junior high auditorium.

At that time, students and parents will have the opportunity to tour the building and to acquaint themselves with school policies and programs as reviewed by school principal Kevin C. Littlefield and assistant principal Marc V. Costanzi.

To make it easier for seventh graders on opening day, signs stating teachers' names and room numbers will be placed throughout the building, and additional teachers will be assigned to homerooms to help with lockers and class schedules.

Both seventh and eighth grade students will attend opening day classes on Wednesday, September 4, 1996.

## Camp Rainbow At Penny Carnival



CAMPERS FROM THE TOWN'S special needs summer camp, Camp Rainbow, attended the recent Penny Carnival at Perry Lane Park. IN PHOTO BELOW, staff members who attended included, from left - Sue Federico, assistant director; Lori LeClair, director; Dave Fazio, co-director, Perry Lane; Debbie Conte, director/pre-school; Jill Gagne, pool director; Michelle Ferreira, Perry Lane; and Mary Keller, Parks & Recreation director. MORE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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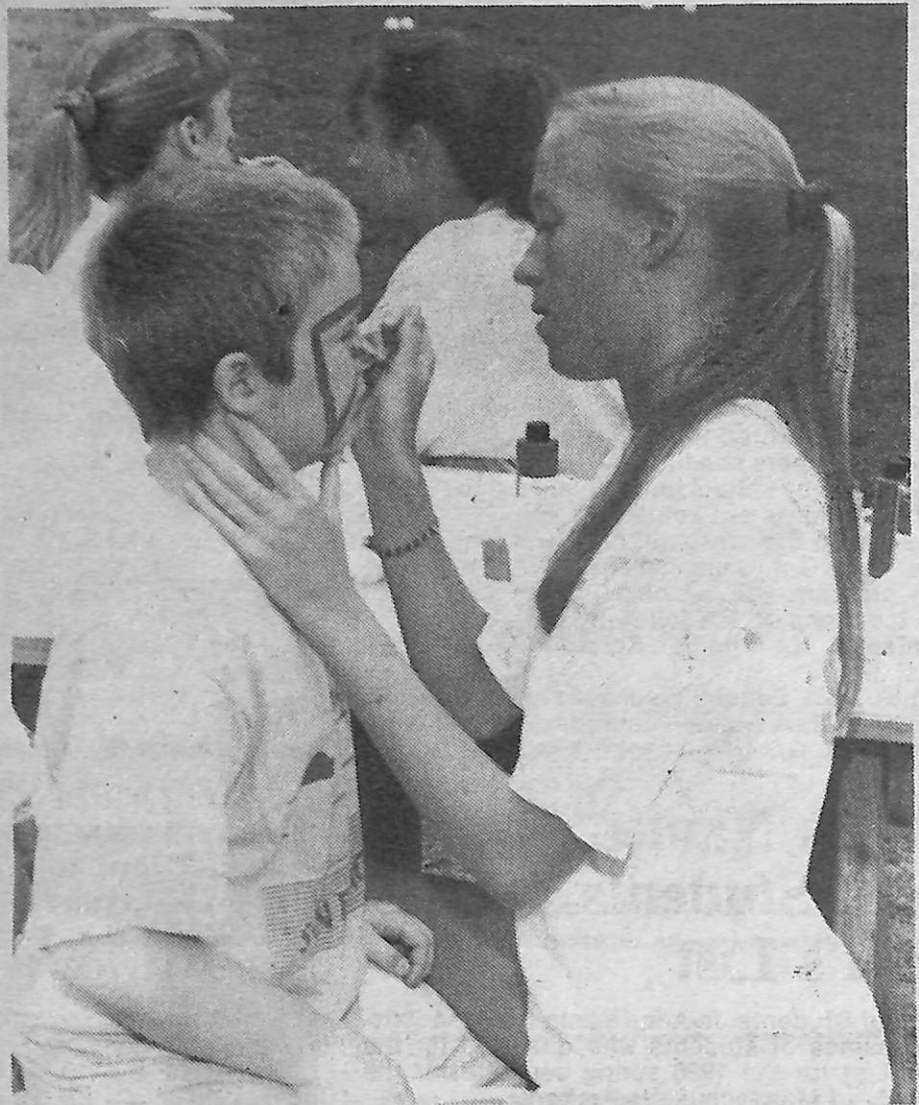
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## Camp Rainbow Kids Enjoy Annual Carnival



CAMPERS FROM THE TOWN'S special needs summer camp, Camp Rainbow, participate in the Annual Penny Carnival earlier this month. FROM LEFT - Frankie Cappaccio heaves a bean bag; IN PHOTO RIGHT, counselor Sue DeFilipi paints the face of camper Jared Sagen. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Bay Path College Has Free Info Session On August 27th

The Office of Continuing Education at Bay Path College will hold a free information session for women interested in furthering their education on Tuesday, August 27th, at 5:30 p.m. in Breck Suite, Brookside Hall on the Longmeadow campus.

The session will offer prospective students information about Bay Path's academic programs, support services, and financial aid guidelines. As an incentive, new continuing education students at Bay Path are currently offered half tuition for the first two courses taken.

Women interested in attending the August 27th session should contact Carol Dunlop, coordinator of continuing education at the college, at (413) 567-0621, ext. 332.

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All kindergarten students, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, are encouraged to attend.

A special run of the "Let's Get Acquainted" school bus provided by School Time Transportation, Inc. will transport bus-riding kindergarten students and one parent/caregiver to school on the day of the program.

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Kindergarteners and their parent/caregivers will be welcomed by school principals. Teachers, PTO members, and parent volunteers will be on hand to assist with the presentation.

The "Let's Get Acquainted" kindergarten orientation program will be held in the morning at these locations on the following dates:

**Benjamin J. Phelps School:** Wednesday, August 28th

**James Clark School:** Wednesday, August 28th

**Robinson Park School:** Thursday, August 29th

**Clifford M. Granger School:** Thursday, August 29th

## UMass Names Local Students To Dean's List

Dean of Students Jo-Anne Vanin has announced the names of students who qualified for the Dean's List for the 1996 spring semester at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade point average or better on a four-point scale.

The following local students were named to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Dean's List for the 1996 spring semester:

**From Agawam:** Lawrence H. Gatton, Jr., 34 Katherine Drive; Maria A. Hardy, 43 Cooper Street; Catherine A. Hill, 41 Ruth Ave.; Deborah J. McKenna, 105 Butternut Drive; Nicole L. Pajer, 400 Cooper St.; David D. Poggi, 27 Howard St.; David L. Simmons, 140 Edgewater Road; Erica J. Vanderhoof, 47 Willowbrook Dr.

**From Feeding Hills:** Kristin N. Alechny, 99 Thalia Dr.; Paul R. Bonneville, 38 Karen Lynn Circle; Karen J. Bottasso, 21 Princeton Ave.; Steven W. Freeman, 68 Bessbrook Street; Jason T. Rosati, 106 Barbara Lane; Shannon K. Scarlett, 136 Robin Ridge Drive; James D. Taylor, P.O. Box 2.

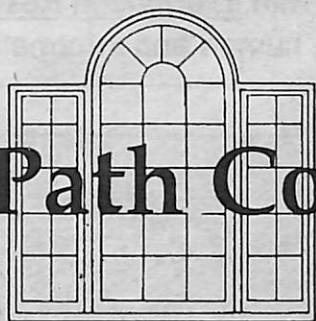
## Summer Band Camp At High School



**SUMMER BAND CAMP** was held at Agawam High School for music students in town. In both photos the students are pictured rehearsing a number. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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TAMMY MORAN

## Tammy Moran Earns Fine Arts Degree From California State U.

Tammy Moran, a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre at California State University on May 30, 1996.

Tammy also pursued and received an Associate Degree in Arts in Music (with emphasis on jazz and voice) at Holyoke Community College in 1990-92.

Tammy's performing credits are as follows:

She was a back-up singer in the California State chorus; was on "The Tonight Show" with Garth Brooks in September 1992; was a member of the improvisational comedy group "On the Spot" (1992-96); was Lady Death in "The Flame of Peace" (1994); was Pirouze in "Sinbad and the Evil Genie" (1994); was Etta Jenks in "Etta Jenks" (1995); was Peter Quince in "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; and was Olive Madison in "The Odd Couple - Female Version" (1995). She has also done numerous Scene Works.

Tammy received a Jazz Vocal Students Honor's Recitalist in May of 1992, and was accepted into the Acting and Directing option at Cal State in 1993.

She is currently pursuing a career in acting. She is also taking a course in commercials, and is also directing plays at C.S.U.

Tammy was recently accepted into the Shakespearean Theater and was given the lead role of Lady MacBeth.

Tammy is the daughter of Genevieve Chmielewski of Feeding Hills and Robert P. Moran of Moor Park, California.

## Trade High '66 Invites Classes Of '65 & '67 To 30th Reunion

The Trade High School Class of 1966 is inviting the Class of 1965 and the Class of 1967 to celebrate their 30th reunion with them on October 19th at East Mountain Country Club.

Due to limited space, seating is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information and reservations, please call Roberta at 782-6993 or Bobbie at 782-7879.

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## STCC To Begin Taking Registrations For Courses At AHS

Registration is now going on at the Springfield Technical Community College campus, and registration will start August 29th at Agawam High School for the fall semester STCC evening courses to be held at the high school. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 10th.

A selection of STCC's most popular courses will again be offered in Agawam for the convenience of area residents. Courses are scheduled from 6:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. or 6:00 to 9:45 p.m., depending on the number of credits. The semester ends December 10th.

Credit courses are offered on Tuesday evenings and include Accounting I, Principles of Marketing, American Literature: Colonial to 1860, and Principles of Normal/Abnormal Behavior.

Registration at the STCC campus is available Monday through Wednesday and on Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Thursdays 8:00 to 8:00. Beginning August 26th, hours are Monday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 to 4:00, and Saturday 9:00 to noon. Payment may be made by check, Visa, Discover, or MasterCard. You may also register by phone or by fax.

Registration at Agawam High School will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 29th; Tuesday, September 3rd; and Tuesday, September 10th. Textbooks will be available for purchase at the first meeting of each class, and must be paid for with cash or check.

For further information, call the STCC Division of Continuing Education at 781-1315.

## AHS Guidance Office To Be Open In August

The Agawam High School guidance office will be open Monday through Friday during the month of August.

If you have any questions or problems that the guidance office can help you with, call 789-1400, ext. 423.

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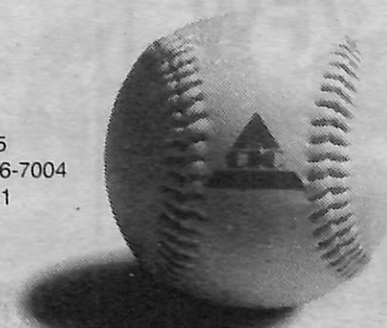
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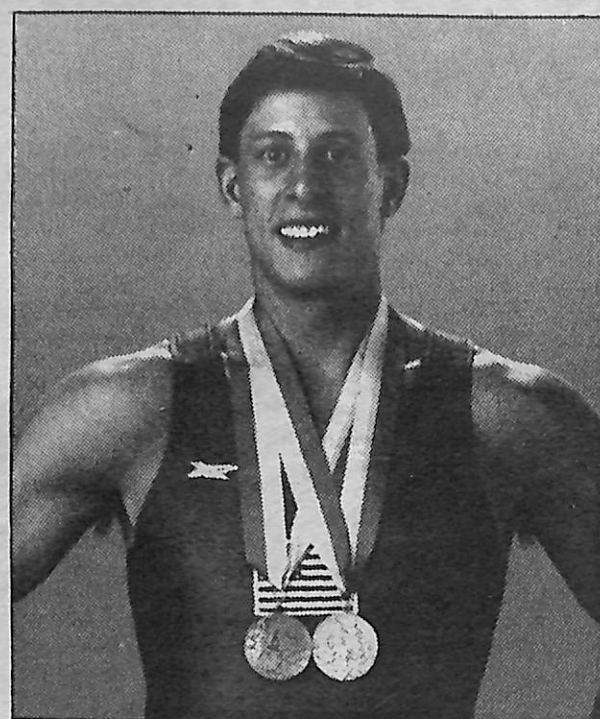
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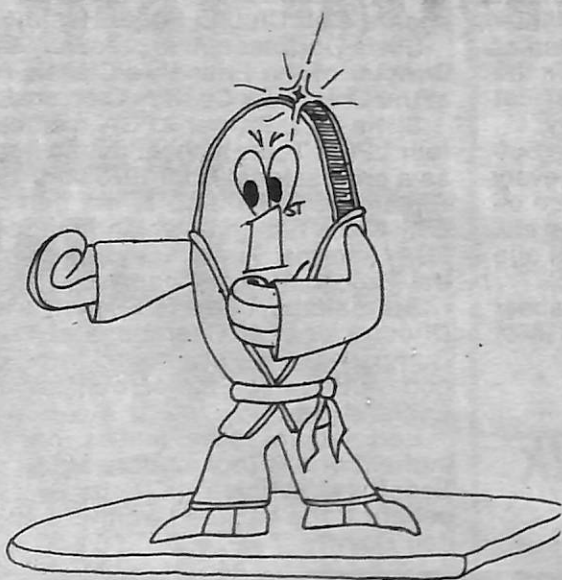
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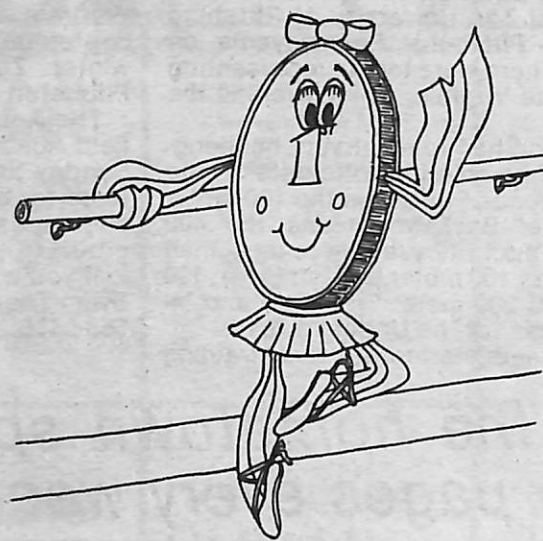
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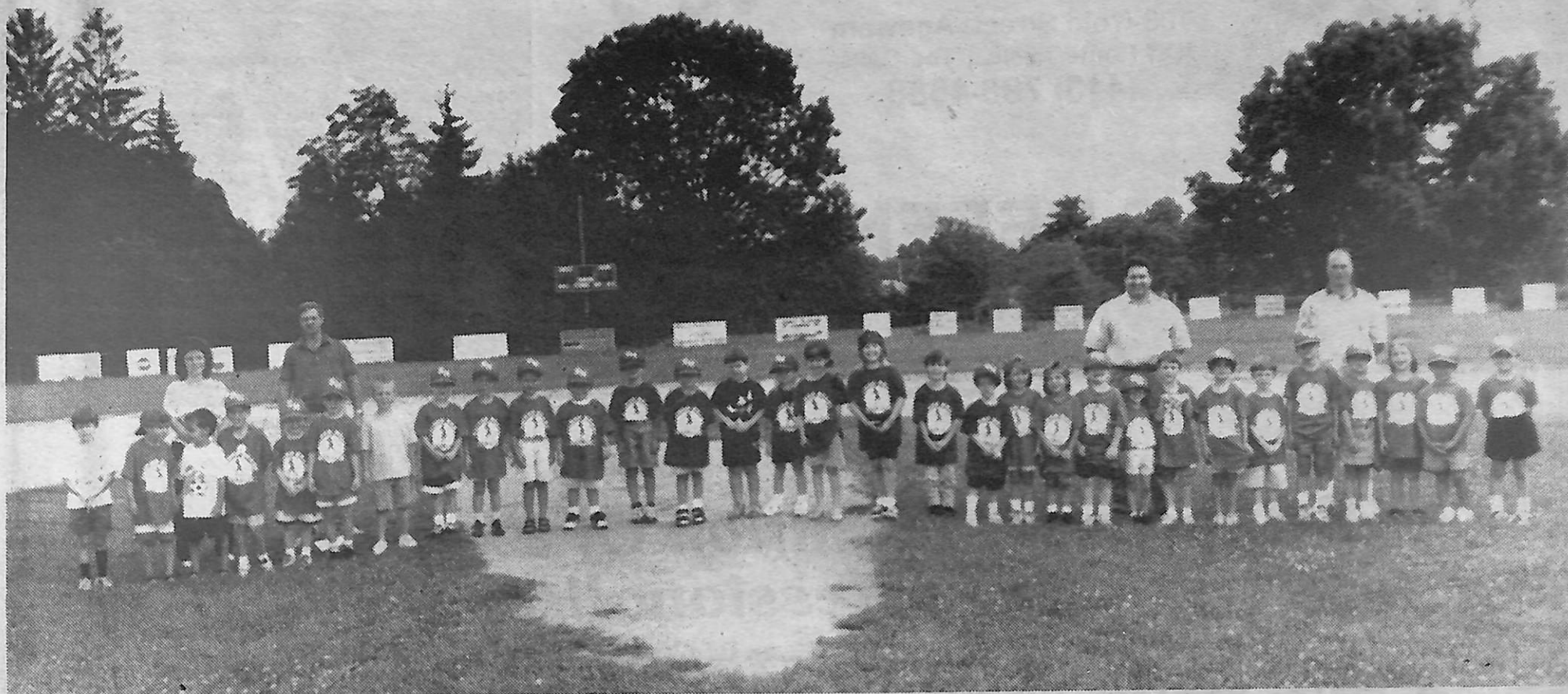
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## Sports

### Sacred Heart "Midgets" Complete Season



THIS SPRING/SUMMER the Sacred Heart Athletic Association started a new league of all five year-old players. At the end of the season all players received certificates of completion for playing in the league. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Amanda Fox & Jillian Kos Compete At All-Star Swimming For Connecticut Team

Amanda Fox and Jillian Kos of the Aquabear Swim Team out of Suffield, Connecticut, competed on the Connecticut "All Star" Team at the U.S.A. Eastern Zone Swim Competition. The competition was held at The University of Pittsburgh Aquatic Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on August 7-10, 1996. There were teams representing states from Maine to Virginia, which creates the Eastern Zone.

Amanda and Jillian had to meet very challenging cut-off times to be able to participate on the "All Star" team. Amanda Fox swam the 100 meter Butterfly, 100 meter Backstroke, and the 400 meter Freestyle for the 11-12 year-old team. Jillian Kos swam the 50 and 100 meter Breaststroke, 100 meter Butterfly, and 200 meter Freestyle and Individual Medley races for the Under-10 team.

These two swimmers started out their training

for the summer season back in April, which constitutes six nights of training each week with competitions during the weekends. Both swimmers are looking forward to a very successful Winter Program, which will begin for them at the end of September. They will be looking to compete in the winter Zone Competition in March 1997 at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey.

The Aquabear Swim Team practices at the Suffield Academy Pool in Suffield, Connecticut every Sunday through Friday evening. Programs are offered for beginner, junior, and senior swim levels, encompassing ages through the high school age group.

If you want further information on the Aquabear Swim Team, please call Coach Jon Levine at (860) 653-9135.

### Melconian Golf Open Set For August 26th

Former LPGA PRO Silvia Bertalaccini will participate in the Fourth Annual Linda J. Melconian Charity Golf Open on August 26, 1996 at the Orchards Golf Club in South Hadley, MA.

Silvia Bertalaccini is presently the Tournament Director of the Friendly's Classic recently played at the Crestview Country Club on July 15-21, 1996.

Silvia is a former LPGA member, having won four LPGA Tournaments during her 14-year career as a professional from 1975 until 1989. A native of Argentina, Silvia also is the golf analyst for the ESPN International, which broadcasts the LPGA, PGA, and the Senior PGA events throughout Central and South America.

Bertalaccini came to Friendly's after serving as Director of Golf Operations at the Jane Blalock Company, where she coordinated golf clinics and golf outings for major companies in the New England area.

Bertalaccini now makes her home in Springfield and is looking forward to participating in Senator Melconian's Charity Golf Tournament to benefit three battered women's shelters in Hampden County.

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## Agawam's Fenton Athletics Bow In Finals Of Over 30 Baseball League

This past Sunday, August 18th, Agawam's Fenton Athletics played Springfield's Legends Sports Bar Red Sox for the Championship of the Western Massachusetts Baseball League. The three year-old league is a by-product of the Tri-County League and is set up for amateur baseball players aged 30 and older.

The setting for the best-of-three series was Forest Park's main diamond, with games one and two slated for Sunday and (if necessary) games three slated for Tuesday night.

In the first game, Fenton's struck first with a run in the top of the fourth inning. The run was scored without the benefit of a base hit. With one out, Fenton's lead-off hitter, John Cirillo, drew a walk.

The next hitter, Trevor Hall, was hit by a pitch, putting runners on first and second. John Carenzo followed with a bouncer to second base, and when Legends couldn't complete the double play, Cirillo scored all the way from second base.

Legends didn't wait long, however, to steal the lead. In the bottom of the fourth inning, a walk and base hits by Dave Authier, Norm Cournoyer, and Chuck Breguet led to two runs. Legends added an insurance tally in the bottom of the fifth inning, and with pitcher Rick Cournoyer allowing just one hit, Legends Red Sox had captured the first game, 3-1.

Game two matched two of the better pitchers in this area — Dave Authier for Legends and Pat Collins for Fenton's.

Authier also pitches for St. Joe's of the Tri-County League, and posted a 9-1 record with a 1.36 ERA in that league. In the Western Massachusetts League, his record was 3-0 with two saves and a 0.43 ERA.

Pat Collins entered the game with a 7-1 record and a 1.64 ERA. As expected, the pitching dominated with Fenton's getting five hits and Legends just two. The two Legends hits were all

they would need, however, as two runs crossed the plate in the bottom of the first inning.

The big hit was a Chris Brown double down the leftfield line. Authier made it stand up with a nice mixture of pitches. His fastball is overpowering, and he backs it up with a tight curveball and sinking slider. Final score in game two, 2-0.

The victory sends the Legends Sports Bar Red Sox to the national 30 and older World Series in Reading, Pennsylvania.

The Fenton's Athletics of Agawam are proud of their accomplishments in their inaugural season in this league. The Athletics won 16 and lost 7 and reached the finals of the league playoffs. Next season hopes to be equally rewarding.

The league will be expanding next season. Any male, 30 years of age or older, looking to join a club should call the league commissioner, David Moorhouse, at 589-7254.

## Suburban Hoop Sign-ups By AAA Slated For Sept. 10

Robert Hersey, president of the Agawam Athletic Association, today announced that sign-ups for the 1996-1997 Suburban Basketball Season will be held on Tuesday, September 10th, in the Agawam Junior High Gym from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Sign-ups will be for the following teams: 7th/8th grade boys, 7th/8th grade girls, 5th/6th grade boys, and 5th/6th grade girls. The AAA will attempt to have "B" teams for the 7th/8th grade boys and 7th/8th grade girls teams.

The AAA will not be in charge of any of the in-town basketball programs this year. This responsibility is being assumed by the Town of Agawam.

There will be no registration fee charged at the sign-ups. Tryout dates will be announced at the sign-ups.

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## Cocchi's Takes Title For Summer Of 1996 In Women's Slo-Pitch

An excellent championship game seems to be an understatement as defending champions TJ's Sporthouse and league leading Cocchi's Marketing went at it for the final game of 1996.

It seemed that both teams wanted badly to win this particular game. The outcome was in doubt until the final out in the last inning with the defense on both sides domineering the play, with Cocchi's coming out on top, 2-0.

The game played on Thursday, August 16th brought to a close a very competitive year for the Agawam Women's Softball League. A one-game margin, measured at the half-game intervals, separated the top three teams; TJ's, Cocchi's, and Southworth Co. The next three teams, Bobby's Bistro, Club 57, and The Tanning Zone, ended up dead even for the last playoff position. A single elimination mini tournament decided which team would go to the playoffs; Bobby's being the eventual winner.

On to the playoffs went four teams to decide the champion. TJ's Sporthouse eliminated Southworth Co. in two games. Cocchi's had a more difficult time with Bobby's taking three games to send them off to wait for next year. It was no easy task for either team to make it to the finals.

The championship series, a best of five-game tourney, started with TJ's Sporthouse winning the first two games. With the advantage, two games to none, some would think it was over. It was not to be, as Cocchi's came back with a vengeance, winning the next two, the last few innings of the second game played in not fading light, but darkness. Pleasantries were exchanged in the dark, both teams knowing it would again be settled in one game; deja vu all over again.

The two team managers met at home plate for ground rules, etc., for this final game of the season. Game faces were the order of the day; even these two teams are very friendly off the field. No panic, no pressure, just do our thing was the theme as the game began. Umpiring was adequate as the game progressed with the defense flawless on both sides.

Jeannie Lempke pitched a near perfect game for Cocchi's with Linda Wilson answering on the other side for TJ's. Yvonne Percy was great at shortstop as Cathy Johnson for TJ's answered her call. Cheryl Lamagdelein in left center did a lot of damage defensively and offensively as Laura Parker did her thing for TJ's in opposition. No one played better than Diane Mazejka for Cocchi's, even though Gina Hodovanec was errorless at the position for TJ's.

Near perfection was Chris Sincar, playing two positions at the same time, filling in for a missing person on TJ's team. Becky Peterson, just out of surgery, was unable to play. Cheryl Stefanik, having pins removed from her broken thumb that morning, put forth an admirable performance.

"No excuses," said Coach Larry Wilson of TJ's Sporthouse. "We just didn't get it. Cocchi's Marketing deserves it. They earned it. She's still a brat (Brenda Lamagdelein, manager of Cocchi's). Don't worry," said Larry. "It's just a pet name between us that we pass around year to year. We have the utmost respect for each other and if TJ's couldn't do it, we're happy for her and her team."

"TJ's team left the field with their heads held high with smiles and laughter abundant on both sides. I and our team extend our utmost congratulations and good wishes."

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## Fran's Restaurant Donates To Camp Rainbow



FRAN MULCAHY (left), owner of Fran's Restaurant in Feeding Hills, presented a check to Camp Rainbow Director Lori LeClair from the proceeds at his Annual Golf Tournament. Also in photo are Camp Rainbow campers Kara Votzak, Mike DiMauro and Assistant Director Sue Federico. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Sunday Night Summer Soccer League (Final Standings)

### EASTERN DIVISION

\*\*Greece

Italy

Holland

Germany

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8 4 2 18

5 6 3 13

2 11 1 5

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7 6 1 15

4 7 3 11

4 9 1 9

3 11 0 6

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Brazil

Argentina

W L T P

10 2 2 22

9 3 2 20

7 5 2 16

6 5 3 15

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### RESULTS OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

Mexico 3, Brazil 2

U.S.A. 2, Argentina 1

Italy 3, Greece 1

Holland 1, Germany 0

Ireland 3, France 1

Nigeria 4, England 2

Mexico 1, U.S.A. 0

Brazil 2, Argentina 1

Italy 3, Germany 0

Greece 3, Holland 1

England 5, France 1

Nigeria 2, Ireland 1

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No. 7 Argentina vs. No. 10 England.

3:10 — No. 6 Brazil vs. No. 11 France;  
No. 8 Holland vs. No. 9 Ireland.

4:05 — No. 1 U.S.A. vs. winner of No. 8  
& No. 9; No. 2 Greece vs. winner of No. 7 &  
No. 10.

5:00 — No. 3 Nigeria vs. winner of No. 6  
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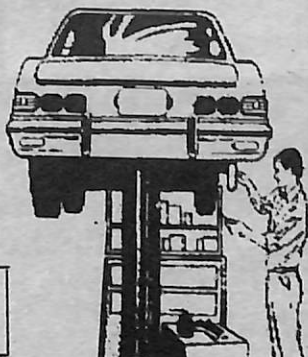
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## Summer Soccer On Sunday Nights Grows At AHS

The Agawam Sunday Afternoon Soccer League is about to wrap up its second season of existence. It's the brainchild of former Brownie soccer standout Jeff Rousseau. Jeff, who played inspired soccer for Agawam High School, has seen his inspiration for top level summer soccer in Agawam grow in popularity and participation.

He'd been nurturing the concept of a town league for some time. In the early spring of 1995 as a junior at Agawam High, he booted the idea into reality. "I love the game and I wanted to bring everyone who played it during the school year together to continue competition during the summer," Jeff says.

He envisioned players of all ages participating in his fledgling program. "The first year, it was supposed to be exclusively for Agawam residents, but this area is soccer crazy," Jeff admitted. Word got around that a competitive league was on the grill for the summer in Agawam. "About 20 percent of our players come from out of town now. Last year, it was around 10 percent," Jeff notes. "They were turned on to our league by friends, and friends of friends."

It's working because of the interest. If you are good enough to keep up and play well, you can play. "The ages in this league range from 14 years-old to 50. They can all play," Jeff smiled.

The age difference also makes it possible for soccer dads to participate with their soccer sons, in a sort of yesterday and today scenario. In those instances, it's the foxiness of experience against the exuberance of youth - young guns against old guns.

### Interesting Mix Of Players

"We have some good combinations," Jeff says. Among them are Mike Knodler junior and senior; Walter Willard (the 50 year-old player) and his son, Kevin; Brian and Earl Hollister; Mike Bodurtha and his son, Eric. "Some play on the same team, some are on different squads. It's interesting to see how they work together and play against each other," he notes.

Some notable guys also show up, including UMass women's soccer Coach Jim Rudy, Agawam High boys' soccer Coach Dwight Northrup, and former AHS star Todd Boskiewicz, who now plays soccer at Merrimack College.

The league, which started with eight teams playing in two divisions in its first season, has grown because of the out-of-town interest. "We've got 12 teams now. They are divided into three divisions of four teams each; East, West, and Central," Jeff says.

Teams are made up of nine players. In the current format, the game is scaled down from 11 men on the field to six. The field itself is shortened. Sanctioned officials oversee the action.

And that action is fast. "There's a premium on intensity when we play. Skill levels like passing and ball control are stressed. Because the field is smaller, being aggressive helps a team. And because shots are set up so fast, goaltenders are really tested," Jeff explained. He then added that the level of play that would best describe the league was somewhere between good varsity and junior varsity college soccer.

### Regular Season Now Over

The regular 14-game season, which started back on July 7th, is now over. Next up this weekend (Sunday, August 25th) will be the playoffs. They'll be held this year at St. John's Field in Agawam. That's because the high school field, where they usually play, is being prepared for the scholastic fall season.

"They'll be single elimination games and they'll start at 3:00 p.m. rather than 5:00," Jeff stressed. He was alluding to the fact that last year, the title game between League champion Italy and Team USA went until it was so dark, only the barn owls and bats got a real good look at the outcome.

Jeff took some time to thank some of the people who've helped him make the league a success. Among them, Mike Domaigne, who made up the schedules; Dwight Northrup, AHS Soccer Coach; Glenn Olsen, J.V. soccer coach; and current AHS soccer captain Jason Jean. He also singled out his parents, Robert and Janet, "for putting up with me during the summer season."

Jeff is off to the University of Hartford at the end of this month. (Where, by the way, he'll be rooming with the irrepressible Domaigne.) "That should be interesting," Jeff laughed. He'll concentrate on his studies as a freshman and give college soccer a try in his sophomore year.

But he hopes to keep the summer league going and growing next season. Because it's obvious, folks in these parts just can't get enough of a good thing.

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## Dal Molin Committee Plans Golf Tourney

The Thomas Dal Molin Scholarship Committee will be holding its Third Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 15th with tee times starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Agawam Country Club, Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

The cost for the event is \$65 and includes golf, a cart, prizes, lunch at the ninth hole, and a complete dinner at Ferruccio's (across from Riverside Park in Agawam). The price of dinner alone is \$22.

A Tee or Green can be sponsored for \$25. Anyone interested in sponsoring, donating, or participating in the tournament can call Kip (786-9773) or Mary Lou (786-1959) for more information.

Thomas DalMolin was an Agawam High School graduate who passed away in 1992 from a brain tumor. Since that time, the money raised at the Hockey and Golf Tournaments have been awarded to Agawam High School graduates who have participated in high school hockey, soccer, or golf.



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## AHS Athletic Dept. Announces Important August-Sept. Dates

To be eligible to participate in Fall Athletics at Agawam High School, all student-athletes must have a physical examination prior to trying out for a team.

The physical examination may be done by one's own doctor or done by the school doctor on the dates listed. In either case, a "M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form" signed by a parent or guardian MUST accompany the student-athlete at the physical examination.

These forms are available in the main office or the Director of Athletics' office at Agawam High School from 7:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### PHYSICAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

**AUGUST 23, 1996:** 8:30 a.m., Freshmen Football; 9:15 a.m., Freshmen Boys' Soccer; 10:00 a.m., Freshmen Girls' Soccer; 10:30 a.m., Freshmen Field Hockey; 11:00 a.m., Gymnastics.

**AUGUST 26, 1996:** 8:30 a.m., Make-ups for Boys; 9:00 a.m., Make-ups for Girls.

### PRACTICE/TRYOUT SCHEDULE

**AUGUST 22, 23, 24, 1996:** FOOTBALL ONLY (Conditioning days)

**AUGUST 26, 1996:** Double sessions begin for ALL sports. (Generally one morning session and one late afternoon/early evening session.)

### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

**SEPTEMBER 4, 1996:** 2:15 p.m., Media Day

**SEPTEMBER 5, 1996:** 7:00 p.m., Back-To-Sport-Night (Mandatory for all student-athletes and a parent/guardian to attend.)

**SEPTEMBER 6, 1996:** Boys' Soccer opens against Amherst

**SEPTEMBER 10, 1996:** Field Hockey opens against Southwick. Girls' Soccer opens against West Springfield.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 1996:** Football opens against Northampton.

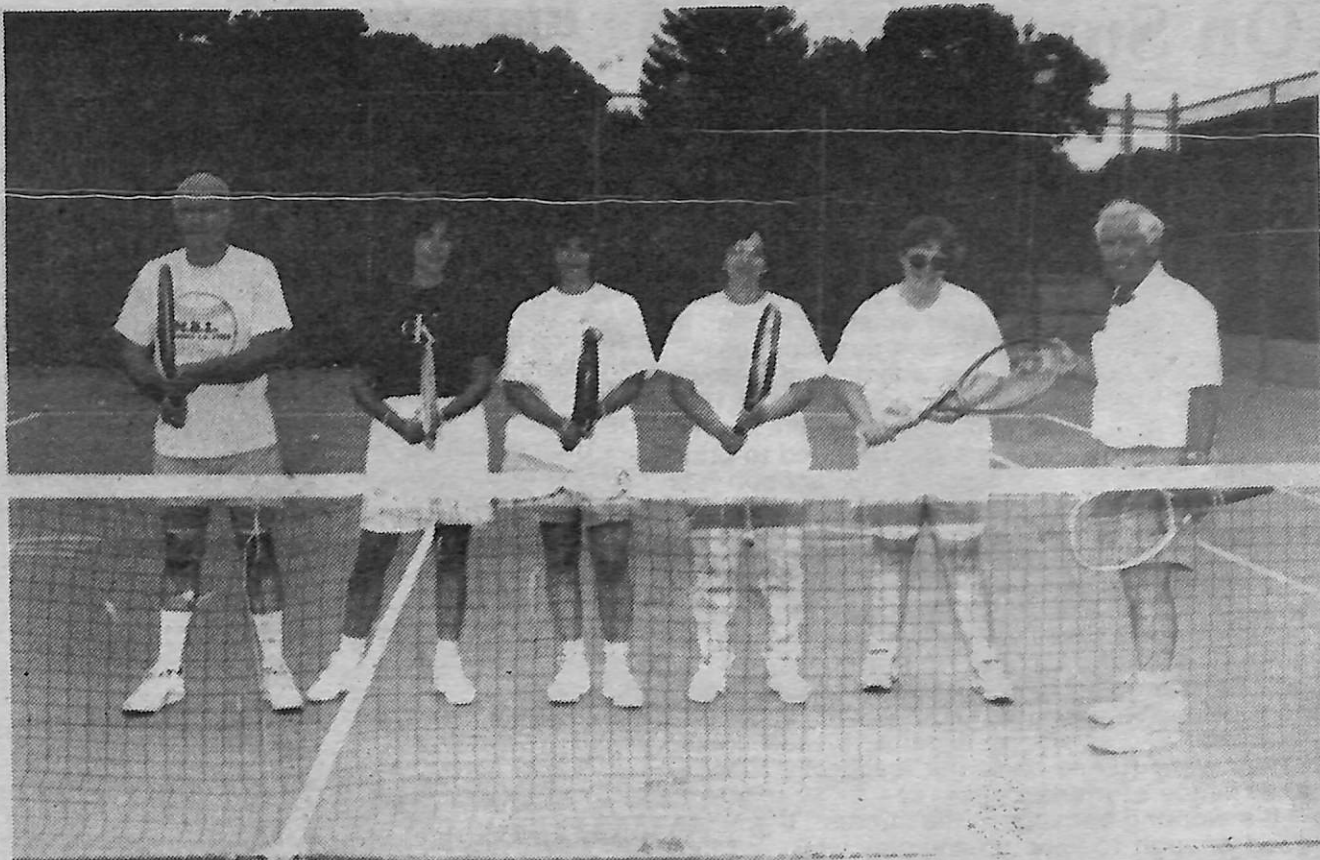
**SEPTEMBER 27, 1996:** Gymnastics opens against Gateway Regional.

## Oxbow Ski Show Team To Conclude Season With Sept. 1st Show

The Oxbow Ski Show Team will be presenting its season closer on Sunday, September 1st, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., with the rain date on Monday, September 2nd, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Oxbow Ski Club. Bring your lawn chairs for an enjoyable show.

For more information on this event, please contact Bob or Rose at (413) 583-3162.

## Weekly Tennis Lessons With Rudy Altobelli



TENNIS INSTRUCTOR RUDY ALTABELLI, the top ranked over 65-player in New England, has been teaching tennis to local residents each Monday night at Agawam High School throughout the summer months. From left - Ed Flebotte, Kathy Harbey, Joanna Curran, Yvette Ramos-Bishop, Bridget Jeffery, and Rudy Altobelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Parks & Recreation Dept. Has Fall Positions Available

The Town of Agawam's Parks and Recreation Department has announced that applications are currently being accepted for the following fall recreation positions: **Aerobics Instructor, Water Safety Instructor, and Teen Volleyball Supervisor.**

Salary ranges are dependent upon position and experience. Apply to:

**Agawam Recreation Office**  
760 Cooper Street  
Agawam, MA 01001

Application deadline is August 30, 1996. For more information, call the Agawam Recreation Department at 786-0400, ext. 456.

The Town of Agawam is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and actively seeks applications from women and minorities.

## Fall Lessons To Be Offered For Adult Indoor Team Tennis

Instructors Rudy Altobelli and Ric Sardella will be offering fall tennis lessons for any adult interested in playing winter indoor team tennis. The team rating is 2.5.

The first practice will be held at the Agawam High School tennis courts on Monday, September 9th, at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 786-0400, ext. 456, or Rudy at 786-1577.

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### Golf Tip Of The Week...

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### Minimize Your Mistakes...

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When you're studying a shot, always notice where the trouble is and work the ball away from it. For example, if a pin is cut to the right side of a green, start the ball left of the pin and fade it back to the hole. That way, if the ball doesn't fade as much as you had planned, it's still somewhere around the middle of the green, in two-putt range. If the shot comes off, so much the better.

The worst mistake is shooting right at the pin, missing the green to the right, and not having any green to work with on your next shot.

## AAA Suburban Blues 9-10 Boys' Champs With 13-1 Record

The Sacred Heart Athletic Association Boys' 9-10 Suburban Blue baseball team capped off a fine 13-1 season with a 10-0 shutout victory over the Agawam Little League Suburban team at the Little League field on School Street in Agawam on Sunday, July 11th.

The season-ending tournament featured Suburban League teams from Belchertown, Southwick, Agawam Little League, and Agawam Sacred Heart in the All Stars Baseball Bash Tournament.

SHAA Blue finished the tournament 6-0, with victories over Belchertown B by scores of 22-1 and 18-4, Southwick Stars 10-2 and 15-7, and Agawam LL 12-7 and 10-0.

The championship game featured combined three-hit pitching by Mike Lynch and Ryan McGuire for Sacred Heart. Jordan Buiso also pitched well in relief for Little League. There were several fine defensive plays by both teams with sparkling plays by Neil Donah at third base for Sacred Heart and by Kevin Malloch at shortstop for Little League. Strong hitting by Sacred Heart, along with aggressive baserunning and good execution scored five runs in the first inning, one in the second, and four more in the third.

At the conclusion of the tournament, a Most Valuable Player Award was presented to Neil Donah of Sacred Heart as voted by all the coaches during the tournament. Neil batted .500 with nine RBI's, and made several good plays in the field during the tournament to capture the award.

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## Piranhas Swimmers Receive Awards



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM PIRANHAS, the town's competitive swim team, held an awards cook-out at the Perry Lane Park pool to congratulate the swimmers on another fine summer season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SHAA SUBURBAN BLUE 9-10 boys' champs. Kneeling, from left - Kevin Olbrych, Mike Lynch, Matt Kupras, Danny Korney, Ryan McGuire, Neil Donah. Standing - Batboy Steven Donah, Mike Ferrigno, Kyle McGuire, Nathan Little, Billy Cochran, Adam Corbin, T.J. Hamilton, and Batboy Stephen Ferrigno. Back row - Coaches Tom Hamilton, Bill Corbin, Pete Donah, Steve Cochran, and Tom Korney. Missing: Sean Deglis and Eric Porth.

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## Many Drivers Coming To Riverside Speedway For Busch National

The Busch Grand National event at Riverside Park Speedway (which is slated for this Saturday, August 24th) has attracted a wide variety of drivers. On Tuesday morning, August 20th, another surprise entry came in the mail — up-and-coming Winston Cup driver Glenn Allen, Jr. has filed an entry in the "NAPA Auto Parts 125," thereby drawing even more record-breaking attention to this prestigious short-track event.

Hailing from Lake Wylie, South Carolina, Allen will drive the number 13 Monte Carlo owned by noted New England racer Ted Marsh of Old Lyme, Connecticut. The car is sponsored by Less Care Kitchens and is often driven by Ted Christopher.

However, Allen is quick to point out that short-track racing is a lot harder than the "super speedways." Although he has experience on both types of tracks, his situation is even more complicated, given the fact that he has never seen the quarter-mile facility in Agawam, MA!

Coming into this Saturday's "NAPA 125," Allen will have to beat the traditional heavy favorites like Jerry Marquis, who is hot after a win from Star Speedway; Mike Stefanik, a former winner of this prestigious short-track event; Kelly Moore, the defending champion; Dave Dion, the man looking for a title; and the list goes on and on.

Now, combine that with a list of local, part-time Busch drivers such as Tom Carey, Jr., Scott Bouley, Mike Duquette, and Joe Barnes, and this Saturday's program will be a race like no other short-track event.

Joining the Busch Grand National race will be the Modified tour-type cars, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks. Some divisions will run a "feature" only, while the Modified tour-type cars will have time trials and run heads-up by the draw.

The pit area opens at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 24th (rain date Sunday, August 25th). The South Gate for general fans will open at 4:00 p.m., and the action is set to start at 6:00 p.m. It is estimated that the evening's program will be over by 10:45 p.m.

Admission for this five-division program (plus the Busch Grand Nationals) is just \$22.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 11 years of age and under. The pit fee for NASCAR members is \$20.

For more information, call 1-800-370-7488, ext. 4, or Race Department 3264.

## Parks Dept. To Hold Public Meeting On Youth Basketball

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring the youth basketball league this winter. This will be the first year that the Recreation Department will run this program.

In order to address concerns or to allow for suggestions, the Recreation Department will hold a public meeting on Monday, August 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Agawam Public Library Community Room. Anyone interested in the league is invited to attend.

For more information, call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, ext. 456.

## Nine Different Drivers Wind Up As Winners At Riverside On Aug. 18th

On Sunday, August 18th, a total of 300 cars in nine different classes were on hand for the "Marathon Madness" program at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA. And, by the end of the evening, nine different racers had emerged victorious.

**Gary Casella** finally broke **George Savary's** perfect win record, as Savary dropped out while challenging up front. Casella drove a flawless race, and at one point he was leading by a straightaway in the Pro 4 Modified feature.

In the closing laps, the battle was for second, as **George Ruff** and **Tom Gavine** swapped spots. Ruff held on to finish second over Gavine, and fourth and fifth, respectively, were **George Bovk** and **Ron Smith**. Sixth through 10th went to **Mike Casey**, **George Sherman, Jr.**, **Gorman**, **Chris Osella**, and **Rick Desrosier**.

**Joe Bates** did it again in the 5/8 scale replica coupes and sedans over veteran **Dan McNamara**. These two put on a great closing-lap battle, and **Shawn Buffington**, **Byron Chew**, and **Frank Manafort** rounded out the top five.

Sixth through 10th were **Shawn Mulcahy**, **Jay Palmer**, **Brian LaForte**, **Dennis Duel**, and **Jim Ahern**.

**Ace Johnson** came from 18th through heavy traffic to take the lead, as veteran **Tom Gavine**, **Ron Barnes**, and **Paul Kratochvil** held off **Betty Plourde**.

Rounding out the top 10 in this race were **Dave Sullivan**, **Donny Travaglin**, **Ron Mayette**, **Will Smith**, and **Mike Nolan**.

**Rich Charette** secured win number two in the Super Stocks, taking the lead from **Mike Chaves**. **Scott Garrity** and **Keith DeSantis** were in hot pursuit, and **Craig Collins** came in fifth.

The sixth- through 10th-place positions in this division were earned by **Mark LaJoie**, **Jose Rodriguez**, **Terry Page**, **Tony Daddio**, and **Bert Richardson**.

The Strictly Stock feature was interesting, as **Jonathon Yourga** led until two laps to go. It was then that **Dennis Charette** and **Yourga** made contact; **Yourga** dropped out with a broken drive shaft.

**Charette** crossed the line first, but the officials penalized him for the altercation. In the end, it was **Patrick Townsend** who was declared the winner over **Charette**, **Jim Sommer**, **Mike Salmond**, and **Scott Bergently**.

Rounding out the top 10 were **George Colton**, **John Waterhouse**, **Glen Reilly**, **Pat Kretshman**, and **Ed Charette**.

**Jim Levers** won the first Micro-Stock race over **Doug Klahre**, **Vinny LaFazia**, **Glen Gagner**, **Kenny Lund**, **Todd McGuire**, **Jim Musco**, **Larry Burtis**, **Keith Stanfield**, and **Marty Deren**.

The race featuring Ark-Super Modified 5/8 scale cars was won by **Mike Reen**. **Scott Ragone** was second over **Jay Poremba**, **Mark Fudale**, **Tom Kunicz**, **Mark Poremba**, **Charlie McWinnie**, and **John Bouchier**.

**Glen Melsenhelder** won his third truck race over **Dave Capriati**, **Brian Wittcamp**, **Rich Leavitt**, and **Marty Kosakowski**. Sixth through 10th were **Bob Belling**, **Don Belling**, **Nancy Muni**, **Wendy Charles**, and **Brian Honenstien**.

Meanwhile, **Loney Les Goulet** won the Enduro (his third of the 1996 season).

The next Sunday evening show at Riverside Park Speedway will be held on September 1st — "The Labor Day Sunday Fireworks Thrills Spectacular."

Then, Enduro racing shifts to Saturday, September 21st, for the "Megabucks" \$5,000-to-win Enduro. In October, special events will include a School Bus Demo on October 12th, and the "Halloween Howler" on October 26th (rain or shine).

For rules and/or further information on these upcoming programs, call (413) 786-9300, extension 3264.

## Agawam-West Spfld. Hockey Association To Hold Registration

The Agawam-West Springfield Hockey Association will be holding its registration for the 1996-1997 season. A mandatory registration meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 28th in the West Springfield Town Hall, with registration to follow.

The registration cost will be \$150, and \$50 per additional child. Checks are made payable to Baywest Hockey. Birth certificates are required for new players.

For more information, call **Patrick Johnson**, 786-5216, after 5:00 p.m.

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## Berkshire Power Again Plans Golf Tourney To Benefit AHS Sports

The Second Annual Berkshire Power/Agawam High School Athletic Department Golf Fundraiser will take place on September 14th at the Agawam Country Club. The tournament will utilize a shotgun format beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The tournament is limited to 144 golfers. The cost is \$40 (same as last year) and includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, and a cookout. Gifts will be given to all participants. There is a closest to the pin and longest drive contest as well.

Hole sponsorships and raffle prizes are being sought. Hole sponsorships are \$50. Any raffle prizes may be dropped off at Agawam High School.

Applications and hole sponsorship forms are available at the Main Office or the Director of Athletics Office at Agawam High School.

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## Marquis & Stepanik Lead Bush Contingent

Jerry Marquis and Mike Stepanik would have to be two of the many favorite drivers on both the Modified Tour and the Busch Grand National Circuit, especially at Riverside Park Speedway. And when the Busch Grand National division moves to Riverside this Saturday, August 24th (rain date Sunday, August 25th) for the "NAPA 125," they will have the support of the fans once again.

Because of their success at Riverside, they deserve to be in the limelight. After all, these two started at Riverside and have gone on to win national titles and much more.

For Marquis, it is a career that started as a mechanic on the family-owned Figure 8 car. Still, it wasn't long when Jerry was driving and winning in the Figure 8 division at Riverside. His famed Figure 8 car (number PT-73) soon became a limited Late Model as Marquis won titles at Monadnock, Stafford, Riverside, and Thompson.

In the 80's, Jerry drove anything and everything. More important than all this was the fact that he won in every division and every weekly track he ever raced on — Pro Stocks, Late Models, Modifieds, and more. Marquis gained national attention as the Winston Racing Series Northeast Regional Champion; no other driver from this marketplace has held this honor.

Next, Marquis won three consecutive NASCAR Winston Racing Series Championships back-to-back at Riverside Speedway. In his rookie season on the Busch Grand National Circuit, he won two races and the "Rookie of the Year" honors. In his first appearance on the Modified Tour with 44 Racing, he won the Riverside event and then came back one month later to win the Busch Grand National event at Riverside.

For 1996, Jerry is doing double duty again with Art Barry on the Modified Tour and O'Conner GMC on the Busch Circuit. And, of course, he is winning with three Modified Tour wins and a Busch victory.

Jerry will be a favorite going into the Busch Grand National "NAPA 125" this Saturday, August 24th, and its obvious to see why.

As for Mike Stepanik, it's just as good of a story. The brother of a racing legend (Bob Stepanik), he drove a Modified in his rookie season at Riverside and, in 1982, he built the original Pro Stock with RGM speed. Stepanik was another natural who gained great notoriety when Richie Evans put the youngster in his Modified.

From then on, Mike Stepanik set record after record winning races and titles. As the champion on the NASCAR Winston Modified Tour, Stepanik could drive anything, winning race after race on both circuits.

For 1996, Stepanik ironically took over the ride of Jerry Marquis for H&H Motorsports — the team that helped launch Mike McLaughlin to Southern Busch success. And again, Stepanik showed a great deal of success.

This Saturday's race is no exception to the rule at Riverside, as Stepanik is the defending NAPA 125 winner at Riverside.

These are just two of the heavy favorites at Riverside. This event will also feature the Tour-type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks, plus the Busch Grand National North NAPA 125. Dollar for dollar, it's the best value around.

For more information, call 1-800-370-7488, ext. 4, or Race Department 3264.

Don't miss the "NAPA 125" this Saturday, August 24th (rain date Sunday, August 25th) at Riverside Park Speedway, located on Route 159 in Agawam, MA.



## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### Raccoon Population Up; Rabies Danger May Be Increasing

A fish and game bulletin announced that the raccoon population, which had been decimated by rabies over the last few years, is starting to rebound. Many of the raccoons in this part of the state had fallen victim to the rabies epidemic that spread throughout the northeast.

Recent figures suggest that the population of raccoons is on the rise. Along with the increase in the population of raccoons, comes the danger that more human contact can take place with rabid animals.

One step that can be taken is to insure that domestic pets, both cats and dogs, be vaccinated against rabies. Dog vaccinations are mandatory, but even that cute house cat can contract rabies if it gets into a scrap with a rabid raccoon or skunk.

It is important to remember that children are naturally attracted to animals and should be strongly warned to stay away from wild animals. Sick raccoons and skunks will often come out in the daytime and may be disoriented and easy to approach. This is a very real danger.

One of the management tools that the division of fish and wildlife has had to control the population of raccoons (who have no natural enemies) is through hunting.

Towns like Longmeadow, MA, have created their own nuisance raccoon problem by closing the town to all hunting. The area of the Longmeadow Flats used to be a great place to run the coonhounds.

With the only management tool taken away by well-intentioned but thoroughly misguided dogooders, many areas of that town are being overrun with these intelligent but destructive carnivores. Cats and small dogs have fallen prey to hungry and aggressive raccoons, whose population has exceeded the available food supply.

If you notice a lethargic raccoon or skunk during the daylight hours, stay away and notify the animal control people. There may be a good

chance that this animal is sick and a danger to humans.

### PRE-SEASON SCOUTING

Last summer is a great time to do some pre-season scouting for that next rack buck that you will be pursuing this fall. Spend some time in his back yard learning his escape routes and the range of his territory.

Most successful trophy racks have been the result of hard work and dedication, not just luck. Someone once remarked that luck was an abbreviation. L.U.C.K. stood for Labor Under Correct Knowledge. Nothing could be more true!

Fall fishing is almost upon us, and the great dilemma is whether to go hunting or fishing. Since I don't like the crowded woods on weekends, the solution is easy.

Fish on Saturday, Sunday, and Friday. Hunt on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Thursday should be a day of rest and relaxation, so hunt in the morning and fish in the evening.

Have a safe and enjoyable week in our great outdoors.

### FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Congamond Lakes in Southwick continue to produce some real nice largemouth bass, according to Kurt at Saunders Marina. A few fishermen have checked in with some very large pickerel. Steep drop-offs near deep-water weed beds have been producing well.

Connecticut River fishing has been productive. Some of the carp fishermen have been taking real heavyweights in the Agawam stretch of the river. Fish in excess of 20 pounds have not been uncommon. Corn, potato, and branberry dough bait have been doing the job. Catfishing at night has been steady. Large shiners, chicken livers, and shrimp have all produced well.

Trout action on area ponds has been typical "summer slow." Those taking fish consistently have been trolling lead core line or using downriggers. Spoons and Mepps type spinners continue to take the majority of the fish.

### SALT WATER

Cod fishing has slowed greatly, with most party boats abandoning the cod for the closer-to-home bluefish.

The Race has been running hot and cold. Some days produce almost non-stop action, while other days draw blanks.

Surf fishermen are taking bass along the Cape beaches and along the Rhode Island shore. Live eels continue to be the bait of choice for night-time surfcasters.

Napatree Point in Stonington, CT, has been giving up some nice linesides and provided some hot action on schoolies for the fly rod set.

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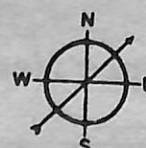
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## Reggie Ruggiero Takes 6th Win In Modified Feature At Riverside

The Saturday, August 17th event at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA, was billed as the "calm before the storm" — the last regular Saturday night show before the \$100,000 Busch Grand National five-division "NAPA 125." And this event had everything from first-time winners like **Fran Colson** and **Mark Anderson** to win number six for veteran **Reggie Ruggiero**, as well as a third win for **Chuck Docherty**.

Surrounding all this was the heated Winston Racing Series point battle for the Modified Championship. Dave Berube moved into the lead over Tom Jensen and Ted Riggott. Eric LeClair led from the green for two laps as Savary came from fourth on the bottom.

By lap number 15, Reggie Ruggiero came from 12th and used his ability and bumper to take the lead. Fact is, Tony Papale faltered off the fourth turn and had to settle in for second. There were only two cautions in the Serv-U Auto Parts/Budweiser Modified feature, both for minor spins.

As the feature settled in for the closing laps, Reggie Ruggiero was the clear leader. Ruggiero took down his sixth win in the Bill Pelly prepared Ed Oles Pontiac. Second was the early leader Tony Papale (Teto Racing), third was Richie Gallup (Phil Lauro Law), fourth was Ted Riggott (International Auto Body), and fifth was Dave Berube (Justitia).

Sixth through 10th went to Richard Savary (C&W Horse), Fran Principi (Newtown Exxon), Renee Dupuis (Lake George Resort), Tom Jensen, and Brian Schofield (Food n' Stuff).

"Riverside is my home track. With the tour schedule, it's tough to win a title. Tonight was a

special win, as Bill Pelly's mother and father were here for the first time," said Ruggiero. "As for Papale, he was using a lot of track to keep the lead. Fair is fair."

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Pro Stock action was presented by Snap-On-Tools, as Fran Colson took off at the start of the 40-lap feature. Still, it was long before the defending champion Tom Carey came from the 10th spot.

Once Carey set his sight on the leader, it was just a matter of time. Both Carey and Fran Colson ran side-by-side for 10 laps (what a wheel-to-wheel battle). Then, on lap 35, sparks appeared beneath the Carey car. Carey dropped out with a broken panhard bar.

To the checker, it was a hard-working Fran Colson for his first win on his birthday. Second after a hard-earned challenge was Ed Carroll (Riverside), followed by Dave Mavlounganes (In A Flash), Bennett Fuller (Enfield Ford), and Scott Bouley.

Rounding out the top 10 for the Pro Stocks were Jim Bainfield, Jeff Horn (Willington Pizza), Ed Connors, Tom Fearn (Porter-Chester), and Eddy Carroll (Riverside Motorsports).

"The car was hooked up strong. I had a little drift late in the event. I just want to thank my sponsors — Gary's Lawn, Banner Man Signs, and the Crawford Group. This was the best birthday present ever," said Fran Colson.

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Joe Czarnecki took the early lead in the Late Models and drove wheel-to-wheel with Chuck Docherty. Docherty actually took the lead with less than a lap to go. The fans were jumping up and down in their seats during this near photo

finish.

Ken Marques also drove a great race, leading until he had to settle for third with five laps to go.

At the checker, it was Chuck Docherty in the Big A Auto Parts car for win number three. Second was a deserving Joe Czarnecki (Sand Trap), and third through fifth, respectively, were Ken Marques (Fuji Films), Roy Houle (Bollard & Son), and Skip Breunig (Pit Road Race Collectibles).

Sixth through 10th in this division were Tom Dileo (Argus Inc.), Gary Pelletier, Bob Ermark, Todd Owens, and Ted Chalmers.

"That was a great race. Joe is a good, clean race driver. It was a pleasure to run wheel-to-wheel with him. Today we had a motor problem; tonight we had the luck," said the talented Docherty. It was his third win of 1996 at Riverside.

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Mark Anderson became the seventh different winner in the Strictly Stocks. Anderson, in his rookie season, was pressured heavily by Glen Reilly.

Third was Keith Miller, followed by Patrick Townsend and Scott Neleber. Rounding out the top 10 were Jon Yourga, Joe Kokozska, Jon Waterhouse, Tony Keilty, and Mike Salmond.

"Wow! I thought this day would never come. This is a great night for me and my dad ... a night I will never forget!" said Mark Anderson.

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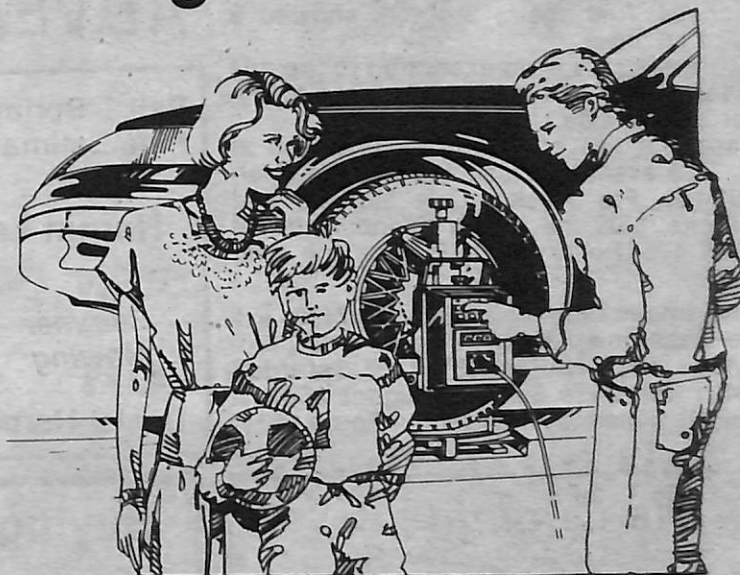
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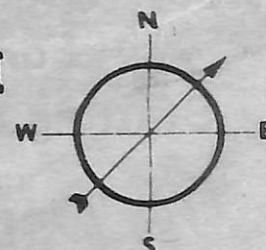
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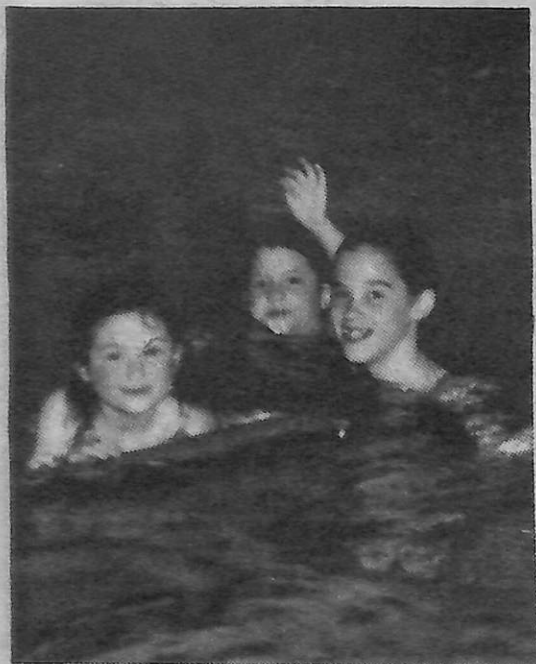
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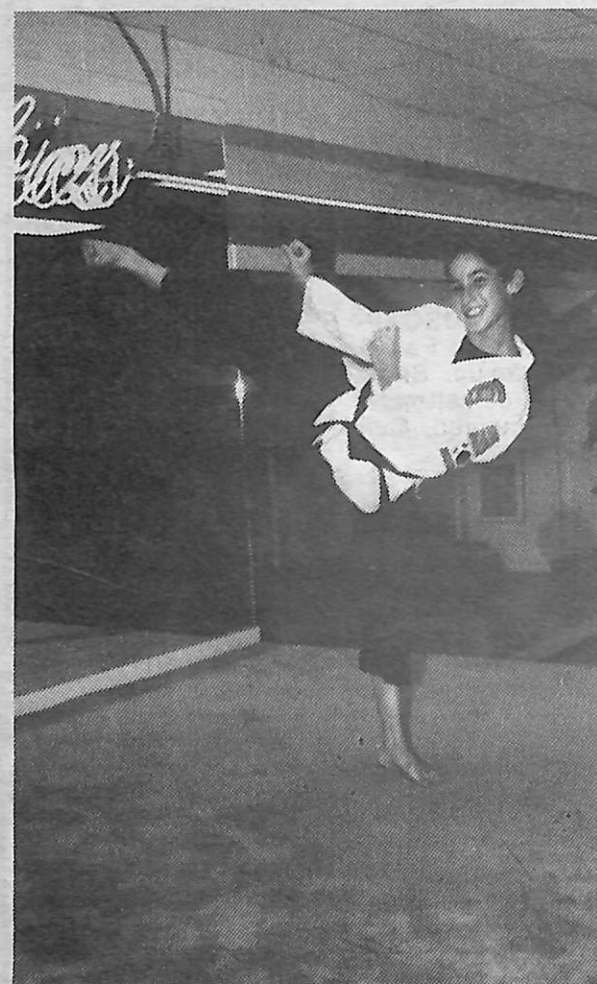
## Take Karate With the Grandmaster!

*If you or your child is looking for that next level of Karate?  
Why not train with the best?*

Master Mike Wollmershauser will be instructing Tae Kwon Do to children from beginner to advanced this fall. Master Mike is a Grandmaster 8th Degree black belt in Hap Ki Do and Master 5th Degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He has been teaching karate to children and adults at Fitness First in Feeding Hills for over six years! Call 786-1460 for registration information.

### **Sign up for this fall's program!**

- **Children:** Tae Kwon Do will be offered to children on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15 pm and lasts about one hour. Classes run for eight weeks beginning September 17th. Fee is \$55.00. The first session is free!
- **Adults:** Hap Ki Do will be offered to all adults on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 8:00 pm at Fitness First. Each class lasts about 90 minutes. The program runs for eight weeks starting Sept. 17th. Fee is \$55.00 with the first session free!



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